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Cain scandal deepens as 3rd woman comes forward

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain glances up as he speaks at the Congressional Health Caucus Thought Leaders Series, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sexual harassment scandal surrounding Herman Cain, a leading Republican presidential candidate, deepened Wednesday as another woman accused him of inappropriate behavior when he headed a restaurant industry lobbying group in the 1990s. The woman's account, told to The Associated Press, came as Cain tried unsuccessfully to divert attention from the controversy, responding testily to reporters who had pressed him about

the original accusations. The scandal has jolted the contest for the Republican presidential nomination, in which Cain, a former pizza chain executive and political novice, has upended the establishment by climbing to the top of opinion polls. Cain appeals to some conservatives because he is a political outsider at a time of anti-Washington sentiment that leaves President Barack Obama vulnerable in 2012. So far Cain's backers are sticking with their man. But the allegations

could threaten his standing near the front of the Republican field, which is just two months away from thinning out after early January contests in the traditional lead-off states of Iowa and New Hampshire. The woman who came forward Wednesday said he made sexually suggestive remarks or gestures about the same time that two co-workers at the National Restaurant Association had settled separate harassment complaints against Cain. She described in conversa-

tions with the AP over several days situations in which she said Cain told her that he had confided to colleagues how attractive she was and invited her to his corporate apartment outside work. She said she did not file a formal complaint against Cain because she began having fewer interactions with him and because her co-workers had already come forward. The woman spoke only on condition of anonymity, saying she feared losing her current job and

the possibility of damage to her reputation. The AP confirmed that she worked at the restaurant association with Cain during the period in question, that she has no party affiliation in her voter registration in the past decade and is not identified as a donor in federal campaigns or local political campaigns. Records show she was registered as a Democrat at one point previously.

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Israeli prime minister said to favor Iran attack

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli official said Wednesday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is trying to persuade his Cabinet to authorize a military strike against Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program — a discussion that comes as Israel successfully tests a missile believed capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to Iran.

It remained unclear whether Israel was genuinely poised to strike or if it was saber-rattling to prod the international community into taking a tougher line on Iran.

Israeli leaders have long hinted at a military option, but they always seemed mindful of the practical difficulties, the likelihood of a furious counterstrike and the risk of regional mayhem.

The developments unfolded as the International Atomic Energy Agency is due to focus on the Iranian program at a meeting later this month.

The West wants to set a deadline for Iran to start cooperating with an agency probe of suspicions that Tehran is secretly experimenting with components of a weapons program.

Israeli leaders have said

they favor a diplomatic solution, but recent days have seen a spate of Israeli media reports on a possible strike, accompanied by veiled threats from top politicians.

In a speech to parliament this week, Netanyahu said a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a "dire threat" to the world and "a grave, direct threat on us, too."

His hawkish foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, was dismissive of the reports but added: "We are keeping all the options on the table."

The government official,

who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was discussing sensitive internal deliberations, told The Associated Press that the option is now being debated at the highest levels. The official confirmed a report Wednesday in the Haaretz daily that Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak both favor an attack, but do not yet have the support of a majority of Cabinet ministers. The official also said Israel's top security chiefs, including the heads of the military and Mossad spy agency, oppose military action. □



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu talks during a session of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. Earlier this week, Netanyahu expressed new concerns about Iran's nuclear program. And Israeli leaders have recently held a series of discussions on possible pre-emptive military action against Iran, though no decisions are believed to have been made.

(AP Photo/Tara Todras-Whitehill)

Syria agrees to Arab plan amid violence

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ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Syria accepted an Arab League proposal Wednesday calling for it to withdraw armored vehicles from the streets and stop violence against protesters in a bid to end the country's seven-month-old political crisis, an agreement that was met with deep skepticism by Syria's opposition.

Qatar's Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim urged Damascus to follow through with action on the ground amid concern that Syria has continued its bloody crackdown on anti-government protesters despite international condemnation and previous promises of reform.

Najib al-Ghadban, a U.S.-based Syrian activist and member of the opposition Syrian National Council,

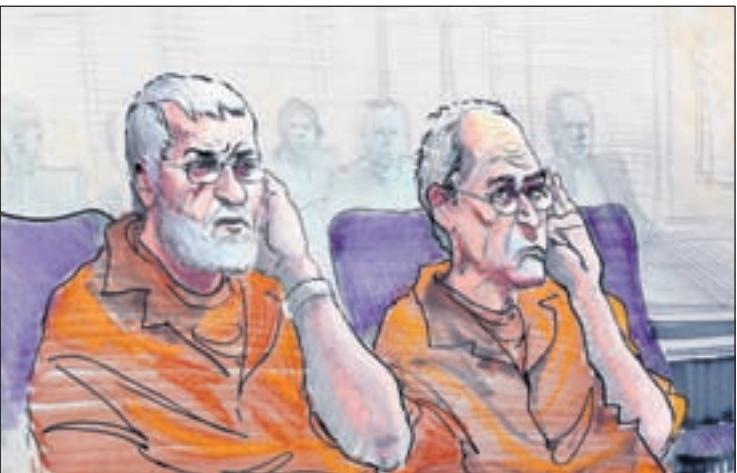
said implementation of the initiative would mean the end of the regime and President Bashar Assad was not likely to let that happen.

"What happened today is an attempt to buy more time,"

al-Ghadban told The Associated Press.

"This regime is notorious for maneuvering and for giving promises and not implementing any of them." □

4 men in accused of planning ricin attacks



Dan Roberts, left, and Frederick Thomas are shown in this artist rendering as he appear in a federal courtroom in Gainesville, Ga., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. The two and two other men are accused of planning a terror attack.

(AP Photo/Richard Miller)

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Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Georgia (AP)

— Four men in the southern state of Georgia intended to use an online novel as a script for a real-life wave of terror and assassination using explosives and the lethal toxin ricin, according to court documents.

Federal agents raided their Georgia homes Tuesday and arrested them on charges of conspiring to plan the attacks.

Frederick Thomas, 73; Dan Roberts, 67; Ray Adams, 65; and Samuel Crump, 68, are scheduled to appear in court Wednesday. Relatives of two of the men said the charges were baseless. Court documents accused the men of trying to obtain an explosive device and a silencer to carry out targeted attacks on government buildings and employees. Two of the men are also accused of trying to seek out a formula to produce ricin, a biological toxin that can be lethal in small doses.

Thomas' wife, Charlotte, told The Associated Press that the charges were "baloney." "He spent 30 years in the U.S. Navy. He would not do anything against his country," she said. "He loves his country." Thomas, who is portrayed as the ringleader, talked of modeling the actions on the online novel "Absolved," which involves small groups of citizens attacking U.S. officials, according to court documents. It was written by the former leader of a militia in the state of Alabama, Mike Vanderboegh, who wrote on his blog Wednesday that his book was fiction and said he was skeptical a "pretty geriatric" militia could carry out the attacks the men were accused of planning. Vanderboegh told AP his novel was a "useful dire warning" about what could happen if the federal government encroaches too far on the rights of armed citizens. Vanderboegh said he is trying to warn the federal government to back off before violence occurs, yet he also believes a civil war is possible. Investigators said the four men took several concrete steps to carry out their plans. Thomas is accused of driving to Atlanta with a confidential informant to scope out federal buildings that house the IRS and other agencies.

During the trip, Thomas at one point said to the informant: "There's two schools of thought on this: go for the feds or go for the locals. And I'm inclined to consider both. We'd have to blow the whole building like Timothy McVeigh," the court documents said, referring to the mastermind of the Oklahoma City bombings, the worst act of domestic terrorism committed by an American. □

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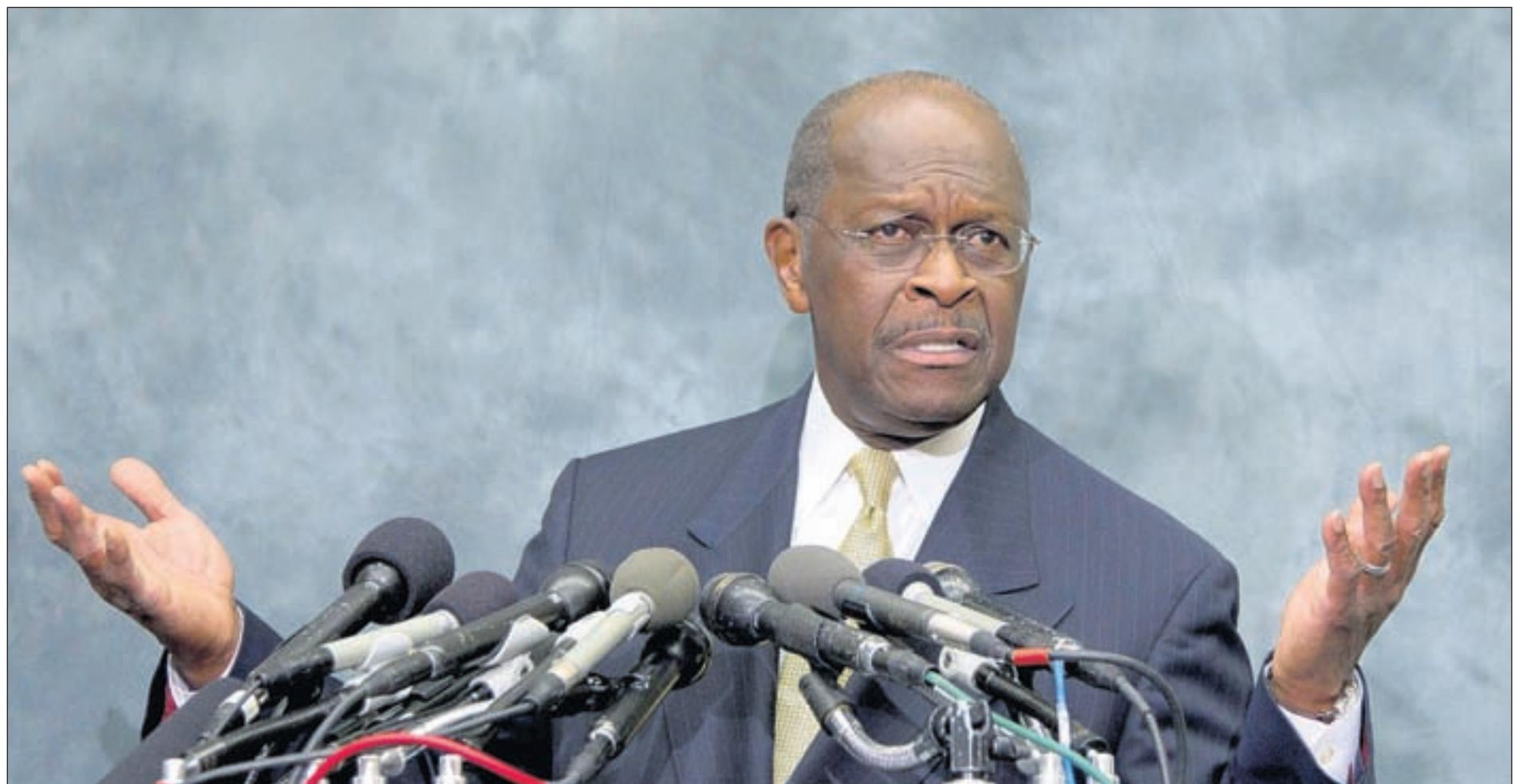
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Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain gestures as he speaks at the Congressional Health Caucus Thought Leaders Series, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Cain's campaign denied anew that he'd done anything wrong, decried a "smear campaign" as he is riding high in opinion polls and accused rival Rick Perry's operation of being behind the original stories. Perry's campaign denied any involvement — and suggested the campaign of yet another candidate, Mitt Romney, might be a source. Romney's campaign said that wasn't true. The candidates are scrambling to win endorsements from lawmakers who are

influential in their home districts. Romney leads with 33 current members of Congress. Perry, the Texas governor who declared his candidacy only two months ago, has chalked up at least 14, according to both campaigns.

Cain has only a fledgling campaign presence after his meteoric rise in the polls in recent weeks, but was in Washington on Wednesday working to build a following.

Other candidates with backgrounds as lawmakers themselves have tiny corps

of supporters.

In Washington, Cain dodged reporters' questions Wednesday as he tried unsuccessfully to divert attention from the scandal.

He got testy with reporters and continued to denied any wrongdoing after reports surfaced that he faced sexual harassment accusation from two women when he was the head of the National Restaurant Association.

Confronted by reporters after he left a speech to health care professionals

in Virginia, Cain told them "don't even bother" asking about the scandal.

When pressed about the allegations, Cain raised his voice and said "What did I say? Excuse me.

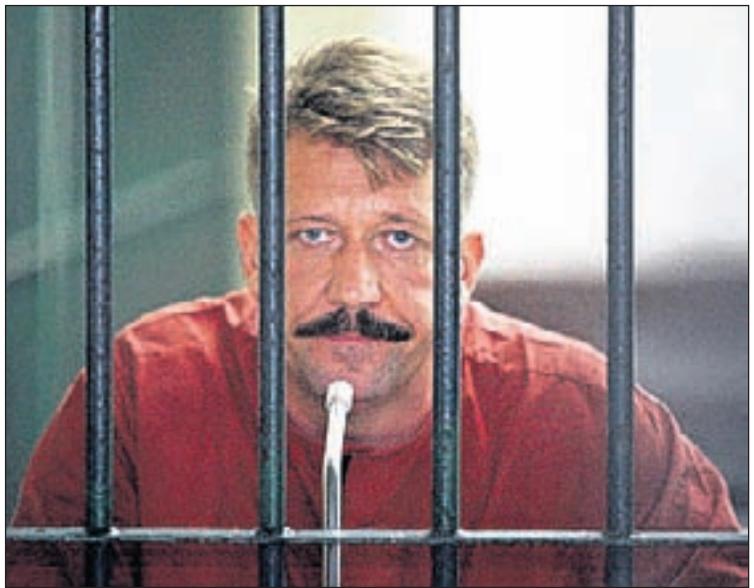
Excuse me!" as hotel security led him through a hotel hallway jammed with journalists.

The two women whose cases were first reported are barred from publicly giving their accounts by confidentiality agreements they signed in exchange for financial settlements from the trade group. On

Wednesday, Cain was under pressure to ask the group to release the women from those agreements. Cain also got in trouble this week after a television interview in which he said China is trying to develop a nuclear capability.

China detonated its first nuclear device in 1964. Rival candidate Jon Huntsman, a former U.S. ambassador to China, responded that candidates' ignorance about security and trade with the Asian power could be damaging to the United States. □

NYC Federal jury convicts "Merchant of Death" Bout



Notorious Russian arms dealer accused of evading authorities for years while fueling violence in war zones around the globe was convicted Wednesday in a U.S. courtroom on charges he conspired to sell weapons to South American terrorists.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A notorious Russian arms dealer accused of evading authorities for years while fueling violence in war zones around the globe was convicted Wednesday in a U.S. courtroom on charges he conspired to sell weapons to South American terrorists. Viktor Bout, known as the Merchant of Death, got guilty verdicts on each of four conspiracy counts — a conviction that could result in a life sentence. Jurors had deliberated only six hours over two days.

Bout was caught in an elaborate Drug Enforcement Administration sting in Thailand in 2008 and — over the objections of Russia — extradited last year to the United States.

"The guy was without a doubt one of the most dangerous of his kind on the face of the earth, and it's reassuring to know he'll be locked up behind bars where he belongs," said Michael Braun a former DEA official involved in the investigation.

"If he had been allowed to carry on, he would have gone right back doing his dirty business." The evidence proved that Bout, 44, was someone "ready to sell a weapons arsenal that would be the envy of some small countries," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement. □

Before Bout left court, he hugged one of his attorneys. The defense team said there would be an appeal.

"He's resolute," defense lawyer Kenneth Kaplan said of his client. "He's a strong man. He accepts the verdict and is hopeful." For nearly two decades, the former Soviet military officer built a worldwide air cargo operation, amassing a fleet of more than 60 transport planes, hundreds of companies and a fortune reportedly in excess of \$6 billion — exploits that were the main inspiration for the Nicholas Cage film "Lord of War."

His aircraft flew from Afghanistan to Angola, carrying everything from raw minerals to gladiolas, drilling equipment to frozen fish. But the network's specialty, according to authorities, was black market arms — assault rifles, ammunition, anti-aircraft missiles, helicopter gunships and a full range of sophisticated weapons systems, almost always sourced from Russian stocks or from Eastern European factories.

In the months before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, U.S., British and United Nations authorities heard growing reports that Bout's planes and maintenance operations, then headquartered in the United Arab Emirates, were aiding the Taliban while it sheltered al-Qaida militants in Afghanistan. □

Yes We Cannes:

Obama heads to G-20 amid Greece questions

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has an important role to play in helping guide Europe through its financial crisis, but it is ultimately Europe's problem to solve, the White House said Wednesday as President Barack Obama headed for an economic summit in Cannes, France. Obama left Wednesday night on an overnight flight aboard Air Force One to France. The Group of 20 industrialized and developing nations meets Thursday and Friday in Cannes, a summit that is shadowed by the European debt cri-

referendum on the Europe bailout plan was certain to be a topic of discussion for Obama and world leaders. Papandreu has infuriated European leaders and rocked financial markets, putting in jeopardy the long-sought deal to resolve the European debt crisis. Without criticizing the Greek plan, Carney said it made clear the need for Europe to act.

"The events in Greece ... only underscore the need for Europe to come together and to unite behind conclusive action that resolves this crisis," Carney said at the White House.

He said the U.S. has unique

that the U.S. has no plans to offer financial support to Europe as cash-rich China may do.

"We have said that this is a European problem and that the Europeans have the capacity to resolve it, the resources necessary to resolve it, and need to take conclusive action to do so," Carney said.

"We have a role here to play because of our experience and knowledge, and of course,

the fact that we are the largest economy in the world and we can bring to bear insight and experience in a way that really no other nation can," he said.

The situation shows the limits of U.S. influence going into a summit where the focus may be on German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy and their work to resolve the crisis. Facing his own struggles with debt and deficits at home, Obama has few moves available to him overseas even though he acknowledges the threat to the struggling U.S. economy posed by the crisis in Europe.

Carney rejected the idea that that left Obama heading to the summit in France in a position of weakness, especially compared with China.

"Absolutely not. The United States is still the largest economy in the world. It is still the most powerful nation in terms of its alliances and its influence around the world. And that influence comes in a variety of ways, including the wealth of experience that we have," Carney said. "But the focus here is not on whether or not the Chinese involve themselves financially. I mean, that really is a sideshow to the focus here. The focus here is a European problem that requires a European solution." □



President Barack Obama waves as he leaves the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 for the G-20 summit in Cannes, France.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

sis and Greece's surprise plans to put a bailout deal to a popular vote.

Press secretary Jay Carney said the Greek Prime Minister George Papandreu's decision to call a

insights on the European financial crisis because of its experience in dealing with its own financial crisis, as well as its position as the world's largest economy. But Carney made clear



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MF Global shifted millions last week

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AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The embattled securities firm MF Global moved millions in missing client funds last week and tried to avoid detection as the company slid toward bankruptcy last week, a regulator said Wednesday.

MF Global, which filed for bankruptcy protection Monday, is the eight-biggest U.S. bankruptcy and the first major Wall Street firm to fail because of bets on European debt.

MF apparently made "substantial transfers" of customer money after an on-site audit last week, said the regulator, CME Group Inc. CME is a private company that oversees firms such as MF Global on behalf of U.S. regulators.

The money was moved in a way that "may have been designed to avoid detection," CME said in a statement.

MF Global's failure is the latest public setback for Jon Corzine, who was head of Goldman Sachs and governor of New Jersey before joining the company. He had hoped to build MF Global from a brokerage into an investment bank.

CME's statement suggests that MF Global executives rushed hundreds of millions out of client accounts as bankruptcy loomed. The company acknowledged that the money was missing



A sign for MF Global is displayed at an office building, Nov. 2, 2011 in New York. MF Global, the securities firm led by Jon Corzine, admitted using clients' money as its financial troubles mounted, a federal official says.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

early Monday morning. "If they transferred funds that fast, it was brazen — an act of desperation to try to save themselves at all costs," said Mark Williams, a former Federal Reserve examiner who is now a lecturer at Boston University.

Williams said it's possible that the transfer of money was made earlier but was missed by CME auditors. He said the company apparently lacked strong systems to monitor risk or prevent such illegal transfers.

"If they had good controls, there's bells and whistles that go off when you're trying to transfer money like that," he said. About \$600 million of client cash is still missing, according to two officials with knowledge of the probe. The FBI is expected to investigate whether the firm's actions violated criminal laws, according to two other people familiar with the situation.

All four people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not

To supercommittee: 100 lawmakers: Consider all debt options

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breaking with party orthodoxy, 40 House Republicans urged Congress' supercommittee on Wednesday to consider

they would only consider new revenue generated by a stronger economy.

The GOP lawmakers joined with 60 House Democrats in the letter, which also called on the supercommittee to keep the door open for

trasted with the political atmosphere in Washington that has buffeted the supercommittee, which has made little evident headway just three weeks from the deadline for completing its work.



From right to left, former Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, former White House Budget Director Alice Rivlin, and Erskine Bowles, co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Supercommittee).

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

all options for raising revenue as they hunt for ways to trim the gargantuan \$14.8 trillion national debt. Though in a letter to the special debt-reduction panel the GOP lawmakers studiously avoided specific proposals that the signees admitted could shatter the group's unanimity, it seemed to at least crack the door open to the potential consideration of tax increases. That seemed to separate the 40 Republicans from many of their GOP colleagues, who have said

savings culled from benefit programs like Medicare, a path opposed by many Democrats. In addition, the letter said the special committee should aim for \$4 trillion in 10-year savings — more than triple the panel's mandated minimum target of \$1.2 trillion. At a news conference and in separate interviews Wednesday, Republican participants shied away from expressing an unconditional willingness to accept tax increases as part of a final deal. Even so, the letter's bipartisan, conciliatory tone con-

"To succeed, all options for mandatory and discretionary spending and revenues must be on the table," the letter said. "In addition, we know from other bipartisan frameworks that a target of some \$4 trillion in deficit reduction is necessary to stabilize our debt as a share of the economy and assure America's fiscal well-being." The signers comprised about 1 in 6 House Republicans and nearly a third of its Democrats — hardly the kind of numbers that typically force difficult decisions in Washington. □

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American Spring?

Occupy protesters set to target busy US port

LISA LEFF

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Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of Occupy Wall Street protesters escalated their tactics beyond rallies and tent camps Wednesday and moved to disrupt the flow of goods at the United States' fifth-busiest port. In New York, Los Angeles and other cities where the movement against economic inequality has spread, demonstrators planned rallies in solidarity with the Oakland protesters in California, who called for Wednesday's "general strike" after an Iraq War veteran was injured in clashes with police last week. Organizers of the march on the Oakland port said they



A small group of Occupy Oakland protesters smash windows at a Wells Fargo bank branch on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, in Oakland, Calif. Thousands of Wall Street protesters marched in the streets of Oakland as they geared up with labor unions to picket banks, take over foreclosed homes and vacant buildings and disrupt operations at the fifth-busiest U.S. port. Officials described the protests as peaceful and orderly and said no arrests had been made.

(AP Photo/Noah Berger)

want to stop the "flow of capital."

The port sends goods primarily to Asia, including wine as well as rice, fruits and nuts, and handles imported electronics, apparel and manufacturing equipment, mostly from Asia, as well as cars and parts from Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Hyundai. More than 3,000 protesters spilled into the Oakland streets Wednesday morning.

Protesters, city officials and business leaders were optimistic the strike would be peaceful. There was little to no visible police presence. At a briefing, officials described the protests as orderly and said no arrests had been made.

Craig Merrilees, spokesman for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, said its members were not being called to strike but they supported the protesters.

The members "are supporting the concerns raised by Occupy Oakland and the Occupy movement to speak up for the 99 percent and against the corporate greed that is wrecking America," Merrilees said.

In other cities, demonstra-

tors targeted other business powers. Nine protesters in Philadelphia were arrested as they held a sit-in at the headquarters of cable giant Comcast. About 100 military veterans marched in uniform in New York, angry at their dim job prospects. And parents and their kids, some in strollers, formed a "children's brigade" to join the Oakland rallies.

"There's absolutely something wrong with the system," said Jessica Medina, a single mother. "We need to change that."

In New York, the military veterans stopped in front of the New York Stock Exchange, standing in loose formation as police officers on scooters separated them from the entrance. On the other side was a lineup of police horses carrying officers with nightsticks.

"Wall Street corporations have played a big role in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Jerry Bordeleau, a former Army specialist who served in Iraq through 2009 and is now a college student.

He said private contractors have reaped big profits in those countries. America □



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Congress honors Japanese-American soldiers

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of Japanese-Americans who fought in the fiercest battles of World War II and became some of the most decorated soldiers in U.S. history were given an overdue thank-you from their country Wednesday when Congress awarded them its highest civilian honor.

Nearly seven decades after the war, Congress awarded three Army units the Congressional Gold Medal. In all, about 19,000 Japanese-Americans served in the units that were honored at a ceremony Wednesday: the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service.

"This has been a long journey, but a glorious one," said Sen. Daniel Inouye, a Democrat who lost his right arm fighting with the 442nd and was one of the honorees Wednesday.

About 1,250 people attended the award ceremony at the Capitol. About a quarter of those present were former soldiers, now in their 80s and 90s. Hiroshi Kaku, originally from

Hawaii, was there for his older brother, Haruo, who served with the 100th while he served with the 442nd. He said he volunteered for the military because he had something to prove. "We wanted to show American citizens that we loved our country," Kaku said. "We were born and raised here."

After Japan's 1941 attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor that brought the U.S. into the war, Japanese-Americans were viewed with suspicion. Nearly 110,000 were sent to internment camps. Lawson Sakai learned how much the world had changed for Japanese-Americans when he drove with some of his buddies to the local Navy recruiting station and tried to enlist. While his white friends were quickly accepted, Sakai was considered an "enemy alien" and could not join.

Sakai then watched as the FBI rounded up Japanese-American leaders in Los Angeles. When the federal government authorized the relocation of people with Japanese ancestry, a sister and some of his friends were sent to internment camps.



World War II veteran Lawson L. Sakai, of Morgan Hill, Calif., talks with friends before a ceremony in honor of Japanese American World War II veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team at the Washington Hilton in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011. Nearly seven decades after Pearl Harbor, Congress is honoring Japanese-American military units that helped the United States win World War II on two fronts despite the hardships endured by many troops' families back home.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

"We were blackballed," Sakai said. "Basically, they took away our citizenship." Sakai's story is similar to

thousands of other "Nisei," or second-generation Japanese-Americans. Even as they fought in Europe,

many Japanese-American troops had family members who would spend much of the war in U.S. internment camps. American officials, citing concerns that those of Japanese ancestry could be security risks during war with Japan, sent men, women and children to camps around the country.

Sakai served in the 442nd, which consisted of volunteers, about two-thirds from Hawaii and the rest from the mainland. The 442nd experienced some of the most horrific fighting in Europe and became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service. In just 10 months of combat, more than 700 were killed or listed as missing in action. Sakai, 88, was wounded four times and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. □

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Like a Rock:

Chevy celebrates 100th anniversary

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer
DETROIT (AP) — For a cen-

electric headlamps and power steering to regular folks at a low cost.

the '60s was a Chevrolet," said John Heitmann, an automotive history profes-

tion for many. In the 1970s, it began cranking out rust-prone, nondescript cars with gremlin-infested motors and transmissions. Now it's in the midst of a come-

back, selling better-quality vehicles as a global brand with 60 percent of its sales coming outside the United States.

Chevrolet Motor Co. was launched on Nov. 3, 1911, in Detroit when Louis Chevrolet, a Swiss-born race car driver and engineer, joined ousted GM founder William "Billy" Durant to start a new brand.

Their first car was the stylish and speedy Series C "Classic Six." It had a powerful six-cylinder engine at a time when most cars had only four. And it came with an electric starter and headlamps, which were a rarity. But at \$2,150 (\$50,000 today, when adjusted for inflation), it was out of reach for most people.

Their next car, the "Little," was smaller and less-expensive, with a reliable four-cylinder engine. It was far more successful.

A year after Chevrolet's departure, the company sold about 70,000 cars, giving Durant enough cash to take control of GM. He later made Chevy a separate division of the company.

While Fords were made of wood and canvas, Chevys were steel, giving drivers more comfort and safety. Chevy had independent suspensions for each wheel that made cars ride and handle better.

And it mass-produced modern hydraulic brakes, which stopped cars with less effort and didn't pull to one side like the mechanical brakes used by Ford, according to Heitmann.

By 1927, Chevy overtook Ford as the country's most popular brand, selling more than 1 million cars that year. Through a combination of innovation and affordability, Chevy was the top U.S. brand for 52 of the next 83 years.

In 1950, Chevy became the first low-priced brand with an automatic transmission. But while most Chevys were practical, cheap and cost little to maintain, these vehicles also lacked a stylistic distinction from other brands.

That all changed in 1955, when Legendary GM design head Harley Earl created a car known for its beauty and speed.

The Bel Air had chrome accents and was powered by a small, V-8 engine. For those who couldn't afford a Bel Air, Chevy made plainer, low-cost versions, the 210 and the 150.

Through Earl, Chevy gave cars personalities, and made style as important as mechanics.

The Bel Air was among the first car models that could be customized. Two-tone paint, four-barrel carburetors and AM radios with rear speakers were all available — for a price.

Chevy's timing was good. The Bel Air hit the marketplace in the flush years after World War II, just as American culture was becoming more car-centric. □



The 1963 Chevrolet Impala. The Beach Boys sang harmonies to Chevy's 425-hp, 409-cid big-block V-8, a street legend that was handsomely showcased by this '63 Impala Super Sport, with its bucket seats and console interior.

(AP Photo/General Motors)

tury, Chevrolets won America's love with their safety, convenience, style and speed — even if sometimes they were clunky, or had problems with rust or their rear suspensions.

Chevy, which lays claim to being the top-selling auto brand of all time, celebrates its 100th birthday on Thursday.

For most of its life, Chevy stayed a fender ahead of

Chevy also embedded itself in American culture, sometimes changing it by knowing what people wanted to drive before they did. Snappy jingles and slogans dominated radio and television, and bands mentioned Chevys in more than 700 songs. No other automotive brand has come close to the adoration that Chevy won from customers, especially

sor at the University of Dayton and author of a book about the automobile's impact on American life. "It was the car of the aspiring American lower and middle



This product image provided by General Motors, shows a 2012 Chevrolet Corvette Centennial Edition. Corvette's 2012 Centennial Special Edition includes Carbon Flash Metallic black paint with red accents, unique satin-black lightweight wheels, Ebony interior with red stitching, and "Chevy 100" logos inside and out.

(AP Photo/General Motors)



A 1976 Chevrolet C/10 Stepside Pickup. Convenience aside, some pickup buyers just plain preferred the look of Chevy's Stepside boxes, offered from 1955 to 2003.

(AP Photo/General Motors)

the competition by bringing innovations like all-steel bodies, automatic shifting,

in the 1950s and '60s. "The American car from the mid-1930s to the end of

classes for a long period." On the way to selling more than 204 million cars and trucks, Chevy invented the sport utility vehicle and an electric car with a generator on board to keep it going when the batteries die. But it also helped ruin General Motors Co.'s reputa-

tion for many. In the 1970s, it began cranking out rust-prone, nondescript cars with gremlin-infested motors and transmissions. Now it's in the midst of a come-back, selling better-quality vehicles as a global brand with 60 percent of its sales coming outside the United States.

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French newspaper attacked after Muhammad issue

ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A firebombing that destroyed the offices of a French satirical weekly that "invited" the Prophet Muhammad as its guest editor was denounced Wednesday by Muslim leaders and politicians from all sides.

But behind the public show of unity was a silent fear that the spoof could trigger a wave of violent protests among western Europe's largest Muslim population, and beyond.

No one was injured in the blaze that started around 1 a.m. in the offices of Charlie Hebdo in eastern Paris, hours before the issue featuring a caricature of Muhammad on its front page hit the newsstands.

"Everything will be done to find those behind this attack," said Interior Minister Claude Gueant, visiting the newspapers burned and disheveled offices.

The director of the weekly, who goes by the name Charb, called the issue "a joke"

and defiantly held up a copy of the paper as he stood amid the rubble. He vowed that next week's issue would be published.

"We'll do it with pencils and paper," said one writer, Patrick Pelloux, on the i-Tele TV station.

The latest issue of Charlie Hebdo, with its typically cutting humor, was focussed on last week's victory of a once-banned Islamist party in Tunisia's first free elections and last month decision by Libya's new leaders that



A police officer stands in front of the headquarters of satirical French newspaper Charlie Hebdo, that "invited" the Prophet Muhammad as a guest editor this week, in Paris, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. A police official said the fire broke out overnight at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, and the cause remains unclear. No injuries were reported. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because an investigation into the fire is under way. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

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Sharia, or Islamic legislation, will be the main source of law in post-Gadhafi Libya. A police official cited a witness saying that someone was seen throwing two firebombs at the building. The official was not authorized to speak publicly while an investigation was in progress.

Charb, the director, said a Molotov cocktail lobbed into the offices caused the fire. He blamed "radical stupid people who don't know what Islam is," for the attack.

"I think that they are themselves unbelievers ... idiots who betray their own religion," Charb said in an interview with Associated Press Television News.

The front-page of the weekly, subtitled "Sharia Hebdo," a reference to Islamic law, showed a cartoon-like

man with a turban, white robe and beard smiling broadly and saying, in an accompanying bubble, "100 lashes if you don't die laughing."

Previous depictions of the prophet have caused major disturbances in Muslim countries. Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favorable, for fear it could lead to idolatry.

Images of the wave of protests,

some deadly, that swept the world after the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published a dozen newspaper cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad in 2005, notably one depicting the prophet with a bomb-shaped turban with a lit fuse, were doubtless not far from the minds of French authorities. □

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WikiLeaks' Assange loses extradition appeal in UK

CASSANDRA VINOGRAD

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Time seems to be running out for Julian Assange, whose long battle to avoid extradition to Sweden over suspected rape and molestation cases appears likely to end in failure unless he can

"He has indicated that he plans to launch an appeal," a spokeswoman for the Judicial Office said on condition of anonymity because she wasn't authorized to give her name. It is possible his request for an appeal will be turned down, making extradition

Assange has denied any wrongdoing in the alleged rape of one woman and the molestation of another in Stockholm last year. He and his followers have maintained the sex crimes investigation is politically motivated by those opposed to WikiLeaks.

He has deeply polarized public opinion, appearing on Europe's Most Wanted List while winning praise in some quarters as a brave advocate for freedom of speech and for challenging government power.

Assange did not seem angry or visibly upset outside London's High Court. "We will be considering our next steps in the days ahead," he told reporters and supporters. But experts said his legal options are now extremely limited. "I think it's highly likely that he'll be in Sweden before the end of the year," said Julian Knowles, an extradition lawyer not involved in the case. Vaughan Smith, the owner of the country mansion where Assange is living out on bail, said his friend's prospects appeared bleak. "It's not good news," he said. Smith said Assange is concerned about the impact on his organization if he is sent to Sweden, fearing he would likely be held in prison as he contests the allegations against him. □



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, left, arrives for his hearing at the High Court in London, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. Assange has lost his appeal against extradition to Sweden to answer sex crime allegations. In a judgment Wednesday, Judges John Thomas and Duncan Ouseley said that Assange, who was in court to hear the verdict, should be sent to Sweden to be questioned over the alleged rape of one woman and the molestation of another in Stockholm last year.

(AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

get Britain's highest court to hear an appeal. In a major setback Wednesday in London's High Court, two British judges rejected Assange's move to block extradition to face questioning in Sweden. Court officials said Wednesday that Assange plans to try to take the case to Britain's Supreme Court.

virtually inevitable. Wednesday's ruling is the latest reversal for Assange, whose secret-spilling organization is on the brink of financial ruin. The group has suspended publishing the sensitive government documents that drew the ire of governments worldwide because of money woes.

Italian Cabinet settles on anti-crisis measures

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italy's Cabinet proposed legislation Wednesday to sell off government-owned real estate, encourage investment in infrastructure and privatize local public companies in a bid to avoid becoming the next victim of Europe's debt crisis.

The Cabinet decided to draft the proposals as amendments to budget legislation under consideration by parliament that must be approved by the

and will not need a financial rescue like those required by Greece, Ireland and Portugal. The fate of Italy is crucial to the wider 17-nation eurozone because it is the region's third-largest economy and would be too expensive to bail out if its borrowing rates rose so high as to block it out of bond markets. Earlier, government officials had said the government might pass a decree containing some of the measures to show the EU and markets that Italy had taken solid action.



A man sleeps on a street in downtown Milan, Italy, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. As market pressures are growing on Italy, the debt crisis' new front, a late-evening Italian Cabinet meeting in Rome could bring approval of some of Premier Silvio Berlusconi's proposed anti-crisis measures in the form of a decree law, putting them into effect before the G20 meeting begins Thursday in Cannes, officials in the premier's office said.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

end of the year, according to a statement from Premier Silvio Berlusconi's office. They aim is to convince international investors that Italy's government will be able to shoulder its debt

In the end, the Cabinet decided to proceed on the legislative track, reportedly after Italy's president suggested the measures would enjoy greater legitimacy if passed by parliament. □

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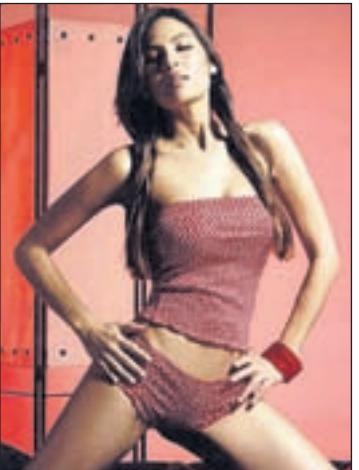
Colombian model guilty on cocaine charge

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — An Argentine court has convicted Colombian model Angie Sanclemente of trafficking cocaine from the South American country to Europe.

Her sentence is six years and eight months in prison. Her Argentine boyfriend, Nicolas Gualco, and his uncle have been given the same sentence following the guilty verdicts handed down Wednesday.

The 31-year-old Sanclemente has insisted on her in-



A photo of Colombian model Angie Sanclemente.

nocence. She denies helping her boyfriend recruit beautiful young women to smuggle drugs to the Mexican resort of Cancun en route to Europe for \$5,000 a trip.

The former Colombian Coffee Queen told the court before the sentencing that her only sin was falling in love with Gualco.

She has said she came to Argentina to get married and not to commit crimes. □

Narcos, meet Hackers: 2 'anonymous' groups spar

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One of the world's most secretive movements is taking aim at a just as clandestine mafia, right out in the open. Bloggers and tweeters claiming to belong to the hacker movement "Anonymous" say they plan to expose collaborators of Mexico's bloody Zetas drug cartel, even if some of them seem to have backed away from the plan out of fear.

Their debate is playing out on chatboards, websites and Twitter messages, many of them open to public view.

But just what they might do, as a claimed Friday deadline approaches, remains unclear, perhaps even to the loosely coordinated Internet community. Its participants generally hide their real-world identities even from one another, partly as protection from officials and prosecutors who often consider them outlaws.

Self-proclaimed members of a movement best known for hacking public corporate and government websites are now talking about attacking a drug cartel that largely shuns the Internet and has killed, even beheaded, ordinary blog-

gers for posting information about it.

"The problem is, hack what? There are no drug cartel websites, that I know of, that would be hackable," said Raul Trejo, an expert on media and violence at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

In an Internet video posted last month, a person wearing a Guy Fawkes mask claimed the Zetas had kidnapped a member of

Anonymous in the state of Veracruz while he was handing out political pamphlets. The video doesn't give the victim's name, and prosecutors say they know nothing about the supposed abduction.

The speaker in the video said that if the kidnap victim is not released, Anonymous will post the names, photos and addresses of taxi drivers, police, journalists and others allegedly working with the Zetas. □



In a one-of-kind move that is full of bravado and boldness the hacker group 'Anonymous' is threatening the vicious Mexican narco cartel Los Zetas. Allegedly one of the international hacker's from "Anonymous" was kidnapped by the Zetas in Veracruz in October. While kidnapping by the Zetas is unfortunately quite common, the Zetas are not used to being threatened for doing so. An Internet video posted by 'Anonymous' has threatened the cartel with exposure of their corrupt allies in the Mexican police force, government and news media.



An Argentine court has convicted Colombian model Angie Sanclemente (above) of trafficking cocaine from the South American country to Europe. Her sentence is six years and eight months in prison.



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A church congregation in skinny jeans

MARISA MELTZER

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NEW YORK — One recent Sunday night on the south side of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, a crowd of more than 100 men and women in their 20s and early 30s gathered.

True to the unspoken dress code of the neighborhood, they were wearing high-waisted skinny jeans, vintage T-shirts and purposefully homely sweatshirts. One woman in a floral romper, her platinum-blond hair cut in a shag, carried a Bob Seger vinyl record under her arm. After a gospel band played, the group listened as a man with a tattoo and a shaved head, Thomas Vito Aiuto, gave a talk that referred in turn to Woody Allen, jogging and London cab drivers. They were at church.



Vito Aiuto, the pastor of Resurrection Presbyterian Church in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, in New York Oct. 14, 2011. Aiuto and his church have developed a reputation for attracting the artistic young denizens of the neighborhood to services that combine readings of Psalm 85 with sermons that have a somewhat secular inflection.

(Brian Harkin/The New York Times)

Resurrection Presbyterian Church and Aiuto (known as Vito), its pastor, have developed a reputation for attracting the artistic young denizens of the neighborhood to services that combine readings of Psalm 85 with sermons that have a somewhat secular inflection.

Aiuto, 39, bristles when his church is singled out as particularly cool. "I don't want this church to be special," he said over chicken mole at a taqueria. "I don't want us to be a church for artists. I want it to be a garden-variety church. What we have to offer people is God."

He paused for a moment. "And I think our music is really good."

While only one-quarter of the so-called millennial generation, those born after 1980, attend weekly religious services (according to a study by the Pew Research Center), young pastors like Aiuto and Jay Bakker, the son of the televangelists Jim and Tammy Faye, as well as groups like the Buddhist-inspired Dharma Punx, are tailoring their messages to young worshippers.

In Aiuto's case, this can involve a certain irreverence (he made a rude gesture while illustrating a point about the parable of the prodigal son during a theological question-and-answer session after one recent service) and a dash of self-deprecation.

He described himself as a "garden-variety fraternity guy" who experienced a spiritual conversion at age 20, when he had an anxiety attack after taking too many caffeine pills washed down with beer during exam time.

"I felt like I was going to die," Aiuto said. "I felt like I was plunging into this black hole, and I said: 'Dear God, if you're real, please make this stop. I guess I'll change my life, and I don't know what it'll mean, but you have to help me.'"

Nothing happened, and he left his exams and retreated home. "I had perceived my life as an amusement park ride: I'm going to do the most drugs and be with the most people and do the most extravagant things and pretending I'm Jack Kerouac, and nobody's experienced this like I have," Aiuto said. "I kept thinking, 'You got to a place where you were so desperate you knew that if there's a God, only God could help you,' and the dominoes fell pretty quickly after that."

He managed to graduate, then enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary. He next worked at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan and as a minister to college students at New York University. Six years ago, the Presbytery, a conglomeration of Presbyterian churches, approached him about starting a church in Williamsburg.

"Part of it was probably the cachet of Williamsburg, and probably my own gifts and how I fit into this neighborhood," said Aiuto.

Most of the people who attend Resurrection Williamsburg, which actually meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, live within a few subway stops of the church. "I love the fact that I see people I know going grocery shopping and the kind of conversations that can happen in that way." His congregation, he said, ranges from people who've gone to church every Sunday to adults who had never been religious being baptized at Resurrection Williamsburg. □

With south SoHo, is SoHo cool again?

DAVID COLMAN

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NEW YORK — SoHo is dead. Long live SoHo.

In early 2010, the celebrated and cerebral Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto quietly closed his New York store, on the corner of Mercer and Grand streets in the southern reaches of SoHo, without so much as a press release. To anyone who saw the bleak brown-papered windows, the closing felt like a sign of the times — not of the economic boom going bust, but of SoHo's once-titanic cool quotient finally going "pfffft." But grief over a fashion moment's passing was short-lived. Almost overnight, the bright corner space was snapped up

one of downtown's more popular shopping areas, Wang was unequivocal.

"No," he said flatly. "When we were looking, I said: 'I am not going to the meatpacking district, I'm not going to Bleecker Street. Not for us.' Grand Street just felt more intimate." Besides Wang's store on the corner, this southernmost block of Mercer Street has, in the last week, added two new shops: Orla Kiely, the first boutique in this country for that popular Irish designer; and, just when you thought jeans couldn't get any more rarefied, the custom denim boutique 3 x 1, which offers more than 100 kinds of denim and chambray in weights that range approximately from chif-



The garden at Saturdays Surf NYC, a men's clothing shop/hangout on Crosby Street in New York. With an infusion of new blood, once-sleepy South SoHo may be reviving the shopping district's appeal.

(Donna Alberico/The New York Times)

by fashion's hottest young star, Alexander Wang, 27, whose offices were already just a couple of blocks away on Broadway and who had been looking for a spot to open his first store. And a year later, in February 2011, open it he did, to great fanfare during Fashion Week. And he is scarcely alone. In 2010 and 2011, a healthy clutch of fashion and design boutiques have opened nearby, shaking up the sleepy streets of South SoHo. There may not be much of a change in the tourist-packed tar pit of central SoHo, but in SoSoHo, as this southerly fashion microclimate is now slangily denoted, it seems there is cool life yet.

Asked if he had contemplated opening a store in

fon to plywood. The trendy French label Surface to Air opened on the block in September. The block was already playing host to VPL, the designer Victoria Bartlett's boutique, and the custom-kicks Nike iD shop. Agnes b., the French casual-chic clothier, which for years was on Prince Street (in SoHo central), has moved around the corner to Howard Street. Add the fact that the corner of Mercer and Howard has been taken over by VFiles, the new cyberspace companion of Visionaire and V, the relentlessly fashionable downtown culture magazines, the offices of which have had their headquarters across the street since 1999, and you've got quite a little scene cooking. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Sales team thanks its loyal customers

Marriott celebrates global customer Appreciation Week

PALM BEACH, ARUBA (NOVEMBER 1, 2011) – In the week of October 24–28 the Sales & Marketing department of the Aruba Marriott Resort celebrated their annual global customer appreciation week. Celebrated worldwide by Marriott, sales teams take the time to thank their loyal customers. Senior sales manager Chela de Lannoy devoted her time to visit several local companies and thanked them for their support. With this year's theme "Find your World" in mind, the Sales team chose the Far East, as it is the world's largest growing market. Large fortune cookies and lucky bamboo plants were given to the re-



sort's clients to wish them good fortune for the future. Sales manager Roosje Jacobs invited the hotel's top producer for Latin America to stay the weekend at the resort. Director of sales & marketing Antoinette van den Berg and sales coordinator Abigail van der Linden conducted sales calls and scheduled meetings thanking clients for their business. On Thursday evening Aruba's loyal clients and press were invited at the Marriott for a "Thank You" party. Asian inspired, guests were welcomed by Chinese dragons and enjoyed the evening with good music, cocktails and excellent food. □



Travel agents of OAD Reizen are living it up at Hadicurari



HADICURARI - One hundred and twenty travel agents of Dutch OAD Reizen were having a lot of fun during a terrific lunch at Hadicurari Restaurant last Saturday.

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The day started early with breakfast at MooMba Beach, then a visit to the Archeological Museum before it was time for lunch. The agents are currently on



the island for a so-called 'Fam-trip', to become familiar with this destination. A chock-full program of site inspections interspersed with entertainment and restaurant visits has seen to it that they will be up to date about what is happening here.

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Animal Rights Aruba's Fun Run/Walk a howling success!



MALMOK – On October 24th, some 150 people (with a few doggies along for the ride) came out to support Animal Rights Aruba's fund-raising event, the Fun Run/Walk.

The late afternoon event began at Fisherman's Huts, then down to Arashi Beach just below the California Lighthouse, and back to Fisherman's Huts. Joining participants in support of this worthy cause were Aruba's Minister of Health Richard Visser and Parliament member Paul Croes. The event surpassed

expectations, raising a little over \$4,000.

These funds will directly benefit Aruba's animals through funding of spaying/neutering programs at local vet clinics, as well as to pay for the inoculations and health issues of 15 puppies that were saved from the streets over the past month.

Animal Rights Aruba is in constant "fundraising mode," and happily accepts all donations, big and small, to continue programs to directly benefit the animal population on the island.

land, as well as to promote education and awareness on the island of the importance of inoculations and spaying/neutering pets. For information on how to donate, contact Animal Rights Aruba through ara@setarnet.aw or visit them on facebook. Animal Rights Aruba (ARA) is a non-profit Animal Welfare Organization that aims to protect all Fauna, Flora and Marine Life on and around the island of Aruba. Animal Rights Aruba was founded on May 3, 1999, and run solely by volunteers.



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In this Oct. 16, 2011 file photo Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham, of England, works the ball upfield during first half of an MLS soccer match in Carson, Calif.

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Beckham hopes to finish best MLS season with title

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

CARSON, California (AP)

— If David Beckham's five-year football odyssey in the United States is about to end, he'll go out playing at his highest level in five years.

The English superstar hasn't decided where he'll play next season, but he's determined to lead the Los Angeles Galaxy to a Major League Soccer championship this month.

"Obviously, if you look at statistics and the games I've played, it is the best season since I moved to L.A.," Beckham said Wednesday after the Galaxy prepared for the home leg of their playoff matchup with New York. "It's nice to have that at 36 years old, because people start to doubt you, but it's the best season I've had since I moved here. The management, the team, everything has been set up perfectly. It's been a great year."

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BROKEN WINGS



Wild rally late, extend Wings' skid to 5

Detroit Red Wings left wing Drew Miller (20) collides with Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding (37) during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Detroit, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011. Miller was penalized for charging.

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Capitals rally to beat Ducks 5-4 in overtime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nicklas Backstrom scored the equalizing goal with 42 seconds left in regulation, then added the game-winner at 2:18 of overtime to lift the Washington Capitals to a 5-4 comeback victory over the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night.

The Capitals trailed 3-0 in the second period and 4-2 with 10:47 left in regulation before rallying. It was 4-3 when Washington pulled goaltender Tomas Vokoun in the final minute, and Backstrom hammered home the rebound of a shot by Jason Chimera to force the extra session.

Washington improved to 6-0 at home and ended a two-game skid.

Teemu Selanne had two goals and two assists for the Ducks, who have lost three straight. Jonas Hiller stopped 35 shots. Now in his 20th season, the 41-year-old Selanne leads the Ducks in goals (five) and assists (nine). He has three goals and eight assists in his last six games.

Joel Ward, Dennis Wideman and Troy Brouwer



Washington Capitals center Nicklas Backstrom, back, of Sweden, celebrates his game-winning goal against the Anaheim Ducks with teammate Alex Ovechkin (8), of Russia, during the overtime period of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, in Washington. The Capitals won 5-4.

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scored for the Capitals, who remained unbeaten in the United States following losses at Edmonton and

Vancouver.

Corey Perry scored a power-play goal for Anaheim at 9:13 of the third period

for a 4-2 lead.

Bruins 5, Senators 3

At Boston, Johnny Boychuk and Daniel Paille scored 47 seconds apart to break open an even game in the third period to help Boston end a three-game losing streak.

Chris Kelly had a goal and an assist, and Zdeno Chara had two assists for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who were 3-7 in October — the worst mark in the Eastern Conference. The Bruins also ended the Senators' six-game winning streak. Boston took a 3-2 lead via goals by Patrice Bergeron and Chris Kelly, then put in two more after Ottawa's Jared Cowen tied it with his first NHL goal with 14:56 left.

That was a big enough cushion for Tim Thomas (4-4), who made 23 saves.

Craig Anderson (6-3) stopped 36 shots for Ottawa, which hadn't lost since Oct. 18. Nick Foligno finished with a goal and two assists, and Stephane DaCosta had a goal and an assist.

Hurricanes 4, Lightning 2

At Raleigh, Jeff Skinner and Chad LaRose each scored twice to lift Carolina over Tampa Bay.

Skinner, last season's NHL rookie of the year, has six goals and 12 points in 12 games this season.

Carolina improved to 1-2-1 against Southeast Division rivals. Tampa Bay had won three straight on the road against Carolina by a combined score of 15-5.

Carolina's Cam Ward (5-2-2) made 27 saves. Tampa Bay counterpart Dwayne Roloson (2-3-1) stopped 26 shots. Hurricanes forward Jussi Jokinen sustained an apparent injury to his left knee early in the third period and didn't return.

Brett Connolly, with his first NHL goal, and Teddy Purcell scored for the Lightning.

Wild 2, Red Wings 1, OT At Detroit, Devin Setoguchi's power-play goal 1:33 into overtime gave Minnesota a comeback win over the home team.

It was the fifth consecutive loss for the Red Wings, who were beaten 1-0 by the Wild in Minnesota on Saturday night. □

Federer wins, Andy Murray withdraws at Swiss Indoors

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Roger Federer advanced to the Swiss Indoors quarterfinals on Wednesday, while Andy Murray withdrew injured just before his first-round match.

Federer, defending the title at his hometown event, dropped a set against Jarkko Nieminen of Finland for the first time in their 12 matches but came through 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

"It was still a good match, I thought, for me to come through," said Federer, who is playing his tournament since the U.S. Open and served three straight double faults when broken in the second set. "It was due to my ups and downs that he got a chance." Murray's injury left the third-

seeded Swiss a clearer path to a possible final against top-ranked Novak Djokovic for a third straight year.

"I never saw (Murray) as a potential opponent anyway because I'm too focused on what I have to do," Federer said. "I am sure it is somewhat disappointing for the tournament director after going through all the headaches with the wild cards."

The second-seeded Scot, who requested a late entry last week, cited a right gluteal muscle strain ahead of playing Robin Haase of the Netherlands. Murray had also been scheduled to partner his brother Jamie in an evening doubles match. Five of the current top-eight men originally lined up in a tough main

draw, yet only Federer and Djokovic remain. Murray followed Mardy Fish of the United States in succumbing to injury, and Czech Tomas Berdych was ousted Tuesday by wild-card entry Kei Nishikori.

Sixth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic, like Fish on Tuesday, retired hurt in his first-round match.

Tipsarevic retired on serve while trailing Florian Mayer of Germany 5-1 in the first set. The Serb will have to reach at least the final in Paris next week if he's to qualify for the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals in London.

Andy Roddick rode his serve to a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Tommy Haas of Germany. The seventh-seeded American pounded 12 aces and never allowed a



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a ball to Finland's Jarkko Nieminen during their round of sixteen match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011.

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break point chance.

Roddick next plays Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic, who won 6-1, 6-3 against Santiago Giraldo of Colombia.

Murray's place in the singles draw was taken by lucky loser Marco Chiudinelli, a childhood friend of

Federer, who lost 6-2, 7-6 (7) to Haase.

In a first-round match between two qualifiers, Lukasz Kubot of Poland beat Tobias Kamke of Germany, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2. The 61st-ranked Kubot will face Djokovic in the second round on Thursday. □

Cubs fire manager Quade

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AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs manager Mike Quade will not return next season, with Theo Epstein, the team's new president of baseball operations, announcing the decision Wednesday after traveling to Florida to inform him.

Epstein praised Quade, but said the Cubs will benefit from someone who can come in "with a clean slate and offer new direction."

Quade got the job after a 37-game audition at the end of the 2010 season, replacing Lou Piniella on an interim basis. And after the Cubs responded to him and went 24-13, he was chosen over Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg to lead the team last season.

But Quade's first full season was a rough one that ended

with a 71-91 mark and a fifth-place finish in the NL Central.

Criticism was part of the deal and he realized that, but it came from all angles. Why didn't he intentionally walk Albert Pujols in an extra-inning game in St. Louis? The Cardinals star then hit a winning homer.

Why did he leave starter Randy Wells in so long against the White Sox, resulting in another tough loss?

Why didn't he play September call-ups more with the Cubs so far out of contention?

Quade's season got off to a difficult start when the Cubs lost two members of their starting rotation, Andrew Cashner and Wells, in early April. It didn't get much better.

Quade was ejected sev-

en times in his first season and he got in a screaming match with starter Ryan Dempster, one of the clubhouse leaders. His general manager, Jim Hendry, was fired during the season, Ryan Theriot, now with St. Louis, said the Cubs were playing like a Triple-A team and mercurial right-hander Carlos Zambrano was a handful all year, criticizing his own closer and then cleaning out his locker after giving up five home runs to Atlanta.

The 54-year-old Quade managed more than 2,300 minor league games in the Montreal, Philadelphia, Oakland and Cubs farm systems before arriving in Chicago.

The Chicago-area native was originally selected by the Pirates in the 22nd round of the 1979 draft out



In this Aug. 2, 2011 file photo, Chicago Cubs' manager Mike Quade stands in the dugout during a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh.

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of the University of New Orleans and spent four seasons as an outfielder in Pittsburgh's minor league system before entering the coaching ranks.

He held his first managerial position in 1985, with Class A Macon. He was promoted to Piniella's staff after a running the Iowa Cubs

from 2003-06, a stint that included two first-place finishes in his four seasons. He was Chicago's third base coach starting in 2007 until taking over for Piniella. He was also a first base coach in Oakland from 2000-02. Epstein said the search for a new manager will begin immediately. □

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3 Dodgers, 3 Red Sox earn Gold Glove honors

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NEW YORK (AP) — Clayton Kershaw, Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier became the first trio of Los Angeles Dodgers to win NL Gold Gloves in the same year, while Adrian Gonzalez, Dustin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury became the first three Red Sox in 32 seasons to win the AL honor together. Kershaw became a first-time winner at pitcher when the awards were announced Tuesday. Ethier earned his first Gold Glove in the outfield and Kemp regained the National League award he also earned in 2009.

Gonzalez earned his first American League Gold Glove to go along with two he won in the NL while with San Diego.

Pedroia won at second base for the first time since 2008 and Ellsbury picked up his first Gold Glove.

The previous three Red Sox to win in the same year were shortstop Rick Burleson along with outfielders Dwight Evans and Fred Lynn in 1979. Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle was the lone AL holdover, winning for the third straight year. Baltimore's Matt Wieters won at catcher, the Angels' Erick Aybar at shortstop, Texas' Adrian Beltre at third, and Kansas City's Alex Gordon and Baltimore's Nick Markakis in the outfield.

The St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina became the first NL catcher to win in four straight years since Charles Johnson from 1995-98.

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American League baseball players who won Gold Gloves for the 2011 season are shown during spring training in 2011, at various locations. In the top row from left are Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle, Baltimore Orioles catcher Matt Wieters, Boston Red Sox first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia and Los Angeles Angels shortstop Erick Aybar. In the bottom row from left are Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre, Kansas City Royals left fielder Alex Gordon, Boston center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury and Baltimore right fielder Nick Markakis.

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Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., takes part in a congressional round-table on college sports, offering their perspectives on current state of NCAA athletics, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic congressman compared the NCAA with the Mafia over how it controls the lives of student athletes.

"I think they're just one of the most vicious, most ruthless organizations ever created by mankind," Illinois Rep. Bobby Rush said of the NCAA at a congressional forum on col-

lege sports Tuesday. "I think you would compare the NCAA to Al Capone and to the Mafia."

Rush made the accusations at the forum called to look at the impact of "back-room deals, payoffs and scandals" in college sports. The congressman spoke after hearing from a couple of mothers of former student-athletes who complained of ill treatment by schools after their

Congressman Rush compares NCAA with Mafia

sons were injured.

"Congressman Rush obviously doesn't know the NCAA," Bob Williams, a spokesman for the organization, said in an email Tuesday night. "The NCAA and its member institutions provide over \$2 billion per year in scholarships, financial assistance and academic support to student-athletes ... second only to the federal government. Student-athlete success is our mission."

One mother, Valerie Hardrick, said the University of Oklahoma refused to grant a waiver for medical hardship that would allow her son, Kyle Hardrick, to play basketball at junior college after transferring from OU. Prior to Tuesday's forum, Hardrick's family provided to The Associated Press documentation showing that team doctors diagnosed him with a torn meniscus in his knee and wrote down on practice logs that he should be held out because he was hurt. Hardrick's family said the university has refused

to pursue the waiver unless the family agrees to a settlement that would prohibit him or his family members from enrolling at Oklahoma or any of the universities governed by its board of regents. The proposed settlement also would prevent the Hardricks from filing a lawsuit against the university. "My insurance does not cover all of Kyle's medical bills," an emotional Valerie Hardrick said. "The University of Oklahoma refused to pay for Kyle's surgery, his rehab, and his medication. The university actions also allowed Kyle to be released without appropriate medical treatment before consulting his original surgeon."

Kyle Hardrick, a forward who played a total of 6 minutes during his two seasons with the Sooners, said he has since transferred to a community college in Kansas but isn't able to play without the waiver.

Jeff Capel, Hardrick's coach at OU, wrote a letter on behalf of Hardrick in September saying a medical hardship waiver is justi-

fied in his case. Capel was fired after last season and is now an assistant coach at Duke. Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione did not respond to messages left by phone and email. Oklahoma compliance director Jason Leonard has said he cannot comment because of medical privacy laws.

The NCAA requires schools to certify that an athlete has insurance coverage for athletically-related injuries, up to the deductible of the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program (currently \$90,000). The insurance coverage can be offered by the school, a parent or a personal policy of the athlete.

Two NBA players also participated in the forum, Thaddeus Young of the Philadelphia 76ers and Shane Battier, a free agent who last played with the Memphis Grizzlies. Young, who went pro after one year at Georgia Tech, presented one of the few positive accounts of college sports at the forum. □

3 Dodgers, 3 Red Sox earn Gold Glove honors

Cincinnati first baseman Joey Votto and second baseman Brandon Phillips also won along with Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, Philadelphia third baseman Placido Polanco and Arizona outfielder Gerardo Parra. Phillips and Tulowitzki joined Molina as the NL holdovers.

This year's AL group displaced Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer; Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, second baseman Robinson Cano and shortstop Derek Jeter; Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria; former Rays outfielder Carl Crawford; and Seattle outfielders Ichiro Suzuki and Franklin Gutierrez. Suzuki's streak of Gold Gloves ended at 10. The right fielder, who had won in every one of his big league seasons, had equaled the AL record for Gold Gloves by an outfielder shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Al Kaline.

Last year's NL winners included Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, Reds third baseman Scott Rolen and Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez and Philadelphia's Shane Victorino joined in the



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outfield by Michael Bourn, then of Houston.

Rawlings announced the winners Tuesday. Managers and coaches vote for

players in their leagues and can't pick players on their own teams. Beltre and Gonzalez each earned \$100,000 bonuses, while

Aybar and Markakis get \$75,000 apiece. Molina, Pedroia, Polanco and Votto each receive \$50,000, and Tulowitzki and Buehrle both

get \$25,000. Phillips gets an automatic \$250,000 raise next season to \$12.25 million under the option the Reds exercised Monday. □



In this Oct. 16, 2011 file photo, Los Angeles Galaxy mid-fielder David Beckham moves the ball against Chivas USA during the first half of an MLS soccer match, in Carson, Calif.

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Beckham's groundbreaking MLS contract expires next month, and even if he isn't in the mood for career evaluation just yet, the midfielder realizes he can't stop fans from speculating on his future, whether it's in Paris, London or back in Hollywood. His mission to invigorate football in North America has been neither a complete success nor a total failure, but Beckham is enjoying this moment — the chance to play at his peak abilities alongside Landon Donovan, Robbie Keane and their Galaxy teammates.

After winning the Supporters' Shield for finishing top of the MLS table, Los Angeles can advance to the Western Conference final

with a win or draw against the Red Bulls on Thursday night at Home Depot Center, where the Galaxy haven't lost all season long. If the Galaxy get through, the Western Conference final will be on Sunday night, followed by the MLS Cup in two weeks — also on the Galaxy's home pitch.

Beckham provided the assist for Mike Magee's goal last weekend in Los Angeles' opening-leg win over Thierry Henry's Red Bulls, adding to a remarkable season in which he finished second in MLS with a career-best 15 assists. After a loan spell at AC Milan and enduring long recoveries from injury during previous seasons in Los Angeles, Beckham has been in the Galaxy's lineup all season, a major factor in his superb form. "He has demon-

strated his quality all year long," Galaxy coach Bruce Arena said. "I don't think he would ever need to prove he was worth bringing here. He's done great things for this franchise and great things for this league. I'm happy it's turning out this way for David. ... Just his presence on the field is going to make a difference to our team. He's a special player with a wealth of experience. I think our team can depend on David."

Yet Beckham can't go anywhere without people wondering whether he'll stay in California — and by extension, neither can Arena. "These are the same questions that come up every year, regardless of his contract status," Arena said. "I'm sure if David wanted to be here next year, he would be here." □

Call for action on Rx drugs

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 The nation's doctors prescribed enough addictive painkillers last year to medicate every American adult round-the-clock for an entire month, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. And no state sold prescription painkillers at a higher rate than Florida.

With prescription drugs now killing about 40 Americans each day more than a three-fold increase in a decade the report highlighted evidence of an escalating epidemic. Highly addictive narcotic medications such as OxyContin and Vicodin are responsible for nearly 15,000 deaths a year, more than cocaine and heroin combined. And overdoses of all drugs, legal and illegal, kill nearly as many Americans as car crashes, the nation's top cause of death by injury.

"Now the burden of dangerous drugs is being created more by a few irresponsible doctors than by drug pushers on street corners," CDC director Thomas Frieden said in a conference call with reporters Tuesday. Along with the deaths and the emotional toll of addiction, prescription drug abuse is costing the nation as much as \$73 billion annually, from emergency room admissions to the price of the pills themselves.

Striking disparities in prescription drug abuse between states can't be explained by demographics, CDC researchers said. They blamed differences in state policies and how doctors are practicing medicine.

The use of prescription opioids has blossomed in recent years with the wider acceptance in the medical community that serious pain merits strong medicine. But these drugs are so highly addictive that many experts now are cautioning that they should be used only as a last resort.

Florida ranks No. 8 in overdose deaths from all drugs, and No. 1 in per capita sales of prescription painkillers. Long notorious as the pill mill capital of the na-

tion, famed for supplying out-of-state drug seekers, the state is finally seeing the kinds of actions that federal authorities say should help stem the crisis.

Earlier this fall, a statewide database came online to help catch patients who are shopping around for prescription painkillers though only pharmacists, not doctors, must use it. New state laws also require tougher penalties for doctors who excessively prescribe painkillers.

"It's something that we

of directing federal agencies to force drug manufacturers to simply produce less (for more on this issue, see the article at links.tampabay.com).

Cutting back the supply might make it harder for legitimate pain patients to get medication, while doing little to stem the highly profitable illicit trade of prescription medications, said Gil Kerlikowske, the nation's drug czar.

"We don't want to turn the clock back to see people that are in need of these



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should have dealt with years ago," said state Sen. Mike Fasano, a New Port Richey Republican who has led legislative efforts to curb prescription drug abuse. "We are starting to very slowly get a handle on this crisis."

Still, he agrees with federal authorities that states can do more to monitor doctors and patients for signs of abuse. In Florida, Fasano noted, it's still too difficult to suspend the license of a doctor prescribing painkillers excessively.

The Obama administration is using its bully pulpit to bring attention to the problem. Last week, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder visited Tampa to announce the arrests of nine doctors and two pharmacists on charges of drug conspiracy. But it has stopped short

medications not getting them," he said. "We don't think given the complexity of the problem that that is an answer."

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By the numbers

A national epidemic of prescription drug abuse 14,800 Americans dying of prescription painkiller overdoses in 2008.

1.2 million ER visits due to abuse or misuse of legal medications in 2009.

\$72.5 billion Health care costs resulting from prescription drug abuse.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Quote

"We are starting to very slowly get a handle on this crisis."

Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey



In this photo released by Mela Sciences, Dr. Joseph Gulfo works with the MelaFind medical device. The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a first-of-its-kind device, called MelaFind, that makes detailed, digital images of skin growths and uses a computer to analyze them for signs of cancer, offering a sort of second opinion to doctors.

(AP Photo/Mela Sciences, Max Aureli)

New device uses light to screen for melanoma

MATTHEW PERRONE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dermatologists will soon get some high-tech help deciding which suspicious-looking moles should be removed and checked for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a first-of-its-kind device, called MelaFind, that makes detailed, digital images of skin growths and uses a computer to analyze them for signs of cancer, offering a sort of second opinion to doctors.

The device is approved only for dermatologists and only for use on growths that don't have obvious signs of cancer but still have one or two worrisome traits.

The hope is to find more melanomas sooner. Nearly all patients diagnosed with early-stage melanoma can be treated and cured, but 85 percent of patients with late-stage melanoma die from it within five years. More than 70,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with melanoma this year, and 16 percent are diagnosed only after the disease has spread to other parts of the body, according to estimates from the National Institutes of Health.

To diagnose the disease, doctors decide which moles to remove and biopsy using an entirely visual set of guidelines involving size, shape and color. Most dermatologists easily spot

late-stage lesions that have obvious signs of cancer, including irregular edges, uneven color and a width greater than 6 millimeters. But many others are tough calls. "Every day patients come in with 20 moles on their back and the dilemma is, which ones are suspicious and need to be biopsied?" said Dr. David Pariser, former president of the American Academy of Dermatology.

"The diagnosis of melanoma is the most serious one a dermatologist makes, and we have sleepless nights worrying about it," said Pariser, who consulted for the device's maker, Mela Sciences Inc. of Irvington, N.Y., on its presentation to FDA. The device's handheld attachment, about the size of a blow dryer, emits light that penetrates below the surface of the skin, taking multicolored images that reflect the depth and shape of skin growths. A computer compares these to a database of 10,000 archived images and recommends whether a biopsy should be done.

In a company-sponsored study published last year involving around 1,300 patients, some with multiple growths, doctors reported that MelaFind correctly suggested biopsies on 125 of 127 melanomas that doctors had removed. MelaFind correctly identified about 10 percent of non-cancerous growths. □

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Gadgets to streamline your home office

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Working from home has its charms. My home office is quiet (except when the baby stirs), there's no dress code, I can choose my own music and I have my own executive washroom. The only downside is that my building's super — my wife — won't allow cigars.

Five years ago, when I began working from home full time, it took me a couple of months to adjust to the solitude and lack of peer pressure, and I confess I ended up watching a lot of TV. But that phase passed quickly. Nowadays, when I roll into my home office — the commute is a breeze! — I feel the same need to be professionally productive as I did when I worked in a cubicle. One reason for this feeling is that I've tried to outfit my home office with the right technology, to make it function efficiently and more like an away-from-home office. Over the last few weeks, I've been at it again, testing gadgets to make better and cheaper phone calls and print documents more easily, and I've even tried a hybrid gizmo that works as both a smartphone and a laptop. Let's start with phones. One challenge of working at home is paying for your own phone line, and if you're in a business that involves lots of calls — sales, say, or my profession, journalism — you might need to find a cheaper alternative to the traditional landline. Cellphones are an option, but their overage charges can be costly, and in many locations, including my home office, the quality of the reception is terrible.

One way to slash your phone bill is to use an Internet phone system like Skype. It lets you make unlimited calls to both landlines and cellphones in the United States and Canada for \$3 a month, for instance; for \$9 a month, subscribers can make unlimited calls to landline phones in most European countries.

But there's a problem with Skype: To get the best call quality, you usually need to use a headset that connects to your computer, and many people — my



A product shot of the Samson Meteor Mic in an undated handout photo. The mic (\$99) sounds better than most computer microphones, and lends your desk a dash of Art Deco. (Handout via The New York Times)

self included — aren't big fans of headsets. I wear glasses, and most of the Skype-compatible headsets that I've used press uncomfortably against the frames of my glasses, especially during long calls. But if I dispense with the headset and use my computer's built-in microphone, I sound to the other party as if I'm using a bad speakerphone.

Fortunately, I found two ways to make Skype calls



A product shot of the Calisto 800 Series speakerphone. The 800 Series (\$280), depending on configuration, is a nerve center for all your phones, and features a clip-on mic. (Handout via The New York Times)

without a bulky headset, and without sounding as if I'm calling from inside a bucket. First, you can get a high-quality microphone for your computer. This way, you can use your computer's speakers to hear the other party, while you speak into your mic, making your voice better for the other person.

I tried the Samson Meteor Mic, which has two things going for it: It produces great sound (it's marketed to musicians) and it's beautiful. The Meteor Mic is shiny chrome and has the Art Deco design of a 1930s-era radio microphone. It also has a clever built-in tripod — just unfold the three legs. The one disadvantage is its price; at \$99, it's two or three times that of a plain-Jane microphone. But for the good sound and snazzy look — the aesthetics of a home office can be important — the cost may be acceptable.

For a more comprehensive home-office phone system,

try the Calisto 800 Series speakerphone, made by Plantronics. The Calisto is a sleek, black gadget about the size of an answering machine. Think of it as the nerve center of your phone system: It ties together all your phone lines — landline, computer phone (like Skype) and cellphone — and allows you to control them from a central panel. To dial from any of those lines, just punch the number you're calling on the Calisto's dial pad; to retrieve an incoming call from any of those devices, just click a button. The Calisto, which sells for \$280 in the configuration I tested, is a speakerphone. □

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Stocks recover after two day slump; Dow up 178



Daniel Kryger, left, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011. Stocks rose sharply in early trading, a day after renewed worries over Europe's debt crisis roiled markets around the world. Strong corporate earnings and a better employment report helped turn markets around.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stock

indexes closed with broad gains Wednesday as international leaders scramble to save a week-old plan to prevent a financial crisis in Europe. Strong corporate earnings and a bump up in hiring by private companies also helped send markets higher after a steep two-day drop.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 178.08 points, or 1.5 percent, to close at 11,836.04. The Dow lost 573 points the previous two days after the brokerage MF Global collapsed and Greece's prime minister surprised markets and his own government with a call to put unpopular austerity measures to a public vote.

"It's crazy how much the markets dropped in two days, considering that the data of the U.S. economy has actually looked pretty good," said Barry Knapp, head of equity strategy at Barclay's Capital. "It just shows you how fragile the investor psychology is with Greece hanging over everything."

For much of the summer, investors were worried that the U.S. economy was on the verge of another reces-

sion. But signs that consumers are continuing to spend and that manufacturing expanded in September have put many of those concerns to rest.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday the economy was likely to expand modestly over the next two years. But Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke cautioned that the pace of economic growth will likely be "frustratingly slow." The Fed said it would not take any more steps to help the economy for now, but it left open the possibility of more steps later.

The fear of a wider financial crisis eased somewhat as the euro rose against the dollar and Treasury prices slipped. A revolt in George Papandreou's government could scuttle the Greek referendum. That would bring relief to investors by keeping the bailout plan intact. Papandreou faces a confidence vote on Friday.

Should voters reject the austerity plan, it could lead to a messy default on Greece's debt that would send shock waves through Europe's financial system and likely cause massive losses for banks that hold Greek bonds. Only last week European leaders agreed to a wide-ranging plan to shore up European

banks and heavily indebted countries like Greece and Italy.

Papandreou traveled to France Wednesday and is scheduled to meet with leaders of the Group of 20 nations Thursday and Friday. France and Germany are expected to insist that a bailout plan reached last Thursday is the best way to solve Europe's debt problems and avoid a financial crisis. In the U.S., an increase in hiring by private companies helped lift stock prices. Automatic Data Processing said company payrolls rose by 110,000 in October, more than economists had expected. Most of the gains came from the service industry. ADP also revised its survey results for September higher. Investors see ADP's report as a precursor to the government's broader employment report, which is due out Friday.

Bank of America rose 5 percent, the largest gain among the 30 stocks in the Dow. MasterCard gained 7 percent after reporting that its quarterly earnings soared 38 percent. The results beat analysts' expectations. Intel Corp. was the only Dow stock to drop, losing 0.2 percent.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 19.62 points, or 1.6 percent, to 1,237.90. The Nasdaq composite gained 33.02, or 1.3 percent, to 2,639.98.

Small stocks rose more than the overall market, a sign that investors were taking on more risk. The Russell 2000 index added 2.7 percent.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.99 percent, up from 1.96 percent late Tuesday.

Among companies reporting quarterly earnings, EOG Resources Inc. rose 11.8 percent. The oil and gas company reported third-quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations after posting a loss a year ago. JDS Uniphase Corp. jumped 8.5 percent after the technology company's earnings surpassed estimates. □

Industrial metals rise on earnings and hiring

NEW YORK (AP) — Industrial metals prices closed higher Wednesday as strong corporate earnings and an increase in payrolls made investors more optimistic about the U.S. economy.

Metals like copper and palladium are used as raw materials to make everything from electronics to houses. The value of those metals is closely tied to economic growth and demand at global factories. Metals rallied in tandem with the U.S. stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.5 percent in afternoon trading. Markets were lifted after payroll processor Automatic Data Processing said payrolls rose by 110,000 in October. That's more than economists had expected.

Copper for December delivery rose 7.85 cents, or 2 percent, to settle at \$3.581 a pound. December palladium gained \$13.65, or 2 percent, at \$648.65 an ounce. January platinum rose \$19.30 to finish at \$1,601.30 an ounce.

At the same time, many companies have been reporting stronger-than-

expected earnings this week, indicating that U.S. economic activity is stronger than many analysts thought. MasterCard's stock, for example, rose 6.8 percent after the company said its quarterly earnings soared 38 percent. The results beat analysts' expectations.

Precious metals were also up. December silver rose \$1.212, or nearly 4 percent, to close at \$33.943 an ounce. December gold gained \$17.80, or 1 percent, to settle at \$1,729.60 per ounce.

In other trading, crop prices were mostly lower. December wheat lost 6.5 cents to finish at \$6.235 per bushel. December corn fell 9.25 cents to end at \$6.45 per bushel. November soybeans gained 0.25 cents to finish at \$12.0275 a bushel. Benchmark oil gained 32 cents to end at \$92.51 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Heating oil fell 3.72 cents to finish at \$3.0007 per gallon, gasoline futures rose 0.28 cents to close at \$2.6272 per gallon and natural gas lost 3.8 cents to close at \$3.882 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

Bonds mostly flat

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Treasury prices were little changed Wednesday as traders waited to see if European leaders would be able to save their week-old plan to prevent a financial crisis in the continent.

The price of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note edged down 13 cents for every \$100 invested. The yield was 1.99 percent, up from 1.96 percent late Tuesday.

Bond traders preferred to wait before getting out of the safe haven of Treasurys, even as the stock market rallied. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 178 points at 11,836.

Last week, European



leaders agreed to a wide-ranging plan to shore up European banks and heavily indebted countries like Greece and Italy. However, it was unclear if the plan would work because of disagreements within Greece's government. The yield on the two-year Treasury note was unchanged at 0.23 percent. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose to 3.01 percent from 2.97 percent. □

Timeline: Fed's moves to aid economy since financial crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve has taken many unprecedented steps in the past three years to try to boost the U.S. economy and counter the effects of a financial crisis that triggered a painful recession. It has kept the short-term interest rate it controls at a record low near zero since December 2008.

And it's bought about \$2 trillion in U.S. Treasurys and mortgage-backed securities to try to hold down longer-term rates. That's caused the Fed's portfolio of securities to balloon to nearly \$2.9 trillion, from less than \$1 trillion in 2007.

Some steps the Fed has taken:

— Dec. 15-16, 2008: The Fed creates a target range for interest rates and cuts its key federal funds rate to between zero and 0.25 percent.

That's a record low. The Fed vows to use all the tools it has to rescue the economy from the worst financial crisis and recession since the 1930s.

— Jan. 27-28-2009: The central bank signals it's prepared to buy longer-term Treasuries and expand other programs.

— March 17-18, 2009: The Fed says it will start buying up to \$300 billion in government bonds over six months. It also decides to boost purchases of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities and debt. The actions are aimed at driving down rates on mortgages and other debt.

— Sept. 22-23, 2009: The Fed slows a mortgage-buying program to complete its purchases by March 31, 2010, instead of at the end of 2009.

— Aug. 10, 2010: It decides to use some money generated by its mortgage portfolio to buy government debt, to try to lower rates on mortgages and other

loans.

— Aug. 27, 2010: In a speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Chairman Ben Bernanke lists several options to boost the economy, including the purchase of additional government bonds.

— Oct. 15, 2010: Bernanke signals the Fed will buy more government bonds to boost the economy, drive down unemployment and protect against deflation.

— Nov. 3, 2010: The Fed announces it will buy \$600 billion more in Treasury bonds to try to hold down longer-term rates.

— June 22, 2011: The Fed confirms it will complete its purchases of \$600 billion in Treasury bonds by the end of the month. The purchases were intended to drive down rates on mortgages and other debt.

— Aug. 9, 2011: It pledges to keep its benchmark short-term rate at nearly zero until mid-2013. It's the first time the Fed has committed to keeping the rate at that level for a specific period. The pledge reflects its assessment that the economy will remain weak.

— Aug. 26, 2011: Bernanke proposes no new steps to boost the economy. But he signals that Congress should do more to promote hiring and growth, or risk delaying the economy's return to full health. He also says the Fed's September policy meeting will last two days instead of one, prompting speculation that the Fed might take further steps then.

— Sept. 21, 2011: The Fed announces that it will sell \$400 billion of its shorter-term securities to buy longer-term holdings to try to lower Treasury yields further.

The Fed also says it will reinvest its holdings of mortgage-backed securities, which could help keep mortgage rates at super-low levels. □

Fed foresees far weaker growth than it had earlier

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve sketched a bleaker outlook Wednesday for the U.S. economy, which it thinks will grow much more slowly and face higher unemployment than it had estimated in June. The Fed's gloomier forecast shows that the recovery from the recession has continued to fall short of expectations. Some economists said it makes the Fed more likely to act further to try to boost the economy, though probably not until early next year.

One option would be a

issue. "If anything, he stoked those expectations."

Still, a more aggressive effort to boost the economy would likely face resistance within the Fed. Ian Shepherdson of High Frequency Economics said the economy would have to deteriorate before the Fed would launch another round of purchases. The Fed now predicts the U.S. economy will grow no more than 1.7 percent for 2011. For 2012, it foresees growth of about 2.7 percent. Both forecasts are roughly a full percentage point lower than its June forecast.

The Fed sees unemployment averaging 8.6 per-

Even so, the Fed said the economy had improved since nearly stalling in the spring. As a result, it's putting off any new actions so it can gauge the impact of steps it's already taken. Fed policymakers made the announcement after a two-day meeting.

In a statement, the officials said consumers have stepped up spending. Still, they said the economy continues to face significant risks, including the debt crisis and risk of recession in Europe.

At his news conference, Bernanke cited Europe's debt crisis as a particular concern. He said the crisis could threaten confidence and hold back growth.

The vote on the Fed's policy statement was 9-1. Charles Evans, the president of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, dissented. The statement said Evans wanted to take stronger action to try to boost the economy.

The vote was a shift from the previous two Fed meetings, when three members had dissented for the opposite reason: They opposed the Fed's continued efforts to keep rates at super-lows, for fear it could ignite inflation. Those three members, known as inflation "hawks," dropped their opposition this time. "The view of the hawks is that once the decision has been made by the majority, it just causes confusion if they continue to vote to roll back action that has already been taken," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Some analysts said they expected the Fed to take further action to support the economy at coming meetings, given their expectation that growth will remain sub-par. "Policymakers are keeping the door open because the unemployment rate remains high, and there are clear downside risks from the economic situation in Europe," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. □



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gathers his notes at the conclusion of his news conference on the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) policy decision in Washington, Wednesday, Nov., 2, 2011.

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program similar to the Fed's \$600 billion in Treasury bond purchases, which it completed in June. Some economists think the Fed could buy mortgage-backed securities instead, which could more directly support the depressed housing market by lowering loan rates. Speaking at a news conference Wednesday, Chairman Ben Bernanke said that if conditions worsen, the Fed would consider buying more mortgage-backed securities. He declined to specify what would trigger such a move.

"Bernanke did not go out of his way to dampen growing expectations" that another round of purchases is coming, said Dana Saporta, an economist at Credit Su-

cent by the end of next year. In June, it had predicted unemployment would drop next year to as low as 7.8 percent. The rate is now 9.1 percent.

The Fed's gloomier outlook is similar to many private economists' forecasts. Bank of America Merrill Lynch, for example, expects only 1.8 percent economic growth this year and 2.1 percent in 2012. Those growth rates are far too low to drive down unemployment.

At his news conference, his third this year, Bernanke acknowledged that the pace of growth will likely remain "frustratingly slow." "We remain prepared to take action as appropriate to make sure the recovery continues," he said.

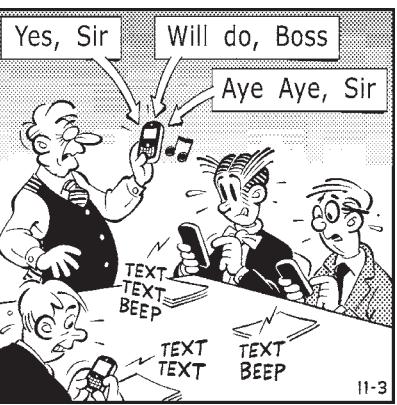
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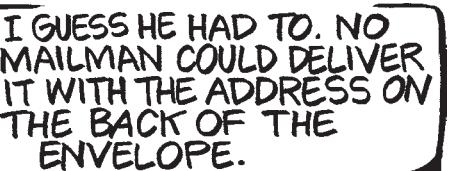
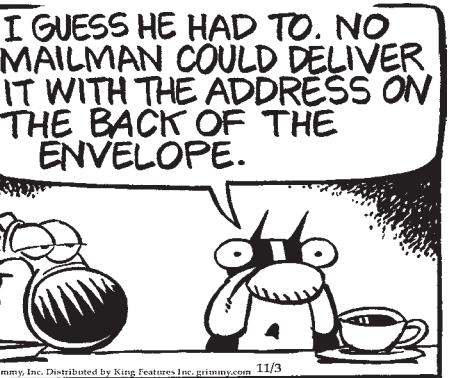
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Today In History

Today is Thursday, November 3, the 307th day of 2011. There are 58 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1394 - Charles VI orders Jews expelled from France.
1534 - England's parliament confirms King Henry VIII holds all judicial and political powers formerly held by the Pope in England.

1839 - Opium war flares up when a British frigate sinks Chinese fleet.

1900 - The first automobile show in the United States opens at Madison Square Garden in New York under the Automobile Club of America.

1903 - Panama proclaims its independence from Colombia.

1918 - Poland declares its independence from Russia.

1928 - Turkey switches from Arabic to Roman alphabet.

1935 - Greek plebiscite recalls exiled King George II to throne.

1936 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected in a landslide over Republican Alfred M. Landon.

1946 - Power in Japan is transferred from the emperor to elected assembly.
1956 - Britain and France agree to accept a Middle East cease-fire in the Suez War if U.N. forces can keep the peace.

1957 - The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit. A dog on board named Laika is sacrificed in the experiment.

1968 - Storms, landslides and floods take more than 100 lives and cause heavy damage in northern Italy.

1970 - Marxist Salvador Allende becomes president of Chile.

1973 - U.N. Emergency Force reports success in easing tension between Egyptian and Israeli troops at positions west of Suez Canal.

1978 - The Soviet Union and Vietnam sign a 25-year treaty of friendship and co-operation.

1982 - Suriname's largest



Today is Kate Capshaw's birthday

labor union, Moederbond, ends a five-day general strike after the nation's military commander promises free elections, a new constitution and the restoration of civil liberties.

1986 - "Ash-Shiraa," a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, breaks the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran, a revelation that escalates into the Iran-Contra affair.

1990 - Mozambique's parliament approves new constitution ending 15 years of one-party rule.

1991 - Israeli and Jordanian-Palestinian delegates agree to pursue talks on interim self-government in Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

1992 - Bill Clinton defeats President George H. W. Bush in U.S. presidential election.

1993 - Bosnian government troops storm through a Croat district north of Sarajevo, prompting 15,000 terrified civilians to flee into the countryside.

1994 - A Bosnian refugee, determined to call attention to the slaughter in his homeland, hijacks an airliner only to surrender when he believes the world had heard his plea.

1995 - A teen convicted of killing a British tourist at a highway rest stop is sentenced to life in prison in Florida.

1996 - Relief officials scramble to find a way to bring aid to a million Rwandan Hutu refugees engulfed in a rebellion in eastern Zaire.

1997 - Iraqi President Sad-

dam Hussein threatens to shoot down U.S. planes that are monitoring the disarmament of his country. The threat never materializes.

1998 - For the first time in a 30-year conflict, the Spanish government says it will hold talks with groups linked to the militant Basque ETA separatists.

1999 - The government of Yugoslavia's smaller republic, Montenegro, designates the German mark as its official currency, replacing the Yugoslav dinar.

2000 - Singapore Airlines apologizes for its first fatal crash after investigators discover the pilot of a Los Angeles-bound jumbo jet missed clear warning signs and crashed while trying to take off on a runway full of construction equipment.

2001 - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visits Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and India to shore up support for ongoing U.S. military operations in Afghanistan against the al-Qaida terrorist network.

2002 - The party of moderate President Ibrahim Rugova wins municipal elections in Kosovo, but loses some ground to parties headed by former ethnic Albanian rebels.

2003 - A 35-member commission unveils a draft constitution, which would be presented to a traditional Afghan 500-member national assembly, the loya jirga, for debate and ratification in mid-December.

2004 - Ending one of the U.S. Army's longest desertion cases, Charles Robert Jenkins is sentenced to 30 days in a military jail for abandoning his unit in North Korea nearly 40 years ago.

2005 - Allegations that the CIA set up secret jails in eastern Europe and elsewhere to interrogate al-Qaida prisoners trigger a flurry of denials from governments in the former Soviet sphere and prompt EU officials and human rights organizations to demand answers. □

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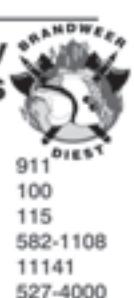


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New look at fossils yields oldest modern Europeans



This undated photo provided by the University of Vienna, Stefano Benazzi shows a baby tooth excavated from a cave in Italy belonging to a modern human. Two studies published online Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, in the journal Nature found that modern humans arrived in Europe thousands of years earlier than previously believed.

Associated Press

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A fresh look at fossilized remains has turned up a surprise: the earliest modern people in Europe. From stone tools and other artifacts, scientists have long suspected that the

earliest populations of *Homo sapiens*, or modern humans, settled the continent between 42,000 and 44,000 years ago. But there were no human fossils dating back to that time. The evidence put the earliest modern European at no

older than 40,000 years old. Two new studies published online Wednesday in the journal *Nature* fill in the gap. Two teams of researchers took another look at previously excavated remains in Italy and England and determined that they dated back to an earlier period.

The studies "push back the time when we can absolutely say" modern people occupied Europe, New York University anthropologist Shara Bailey, who had no connection with the research, said in an email. In both cases, modern dating techniques were used

to get more accurate ages. A group led by Stefano Benazzi of the University of Vienna studied two tiny teeth recovered from an ancient cave in southern Italy in 1964. The molars were originally thought to belong to a Neanderthal infant. Researchers compared the teeth to those from a modern human and Neanderthal, and concluded the teeth were wrongly categorized.

To determine the age, researchers did radiocarbon dating of shell bead ornaments from the same Italian site because the teeth were too small to directly analyze.

This method suggested the teeth were between 43,000 and 45,000 years old, making them the oldest known modern human remains in Europe.

Benazzi said the new age means ornaments and bone tools found at the site and attributed to Neanderthals were instead produced by modern humans. A separate team led by Thomas Higham of Oxford

University re-examined a piece of jawbone unearthed from a prehistoric cave in England in 1927. The specimen was thought to be 35,000 years old, but more refined dating of the sediment layers and artifacts put it at between 41,500 and 44,200 years old — in the same general age range as the teeth. The studies complement each other and “provide solid dates on scrappy but well-identified fossils indicating that modern humans were present” in southern and northwestern Europe during this time, Eric Delson, an anthropologist at Lehman College of the City University of New York, said in an email. □

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Lohan's wings clipped by new jail, probation terms

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge made Lindsay Lohan's world a lot smaller on Wednesday, ordering the long-troubled actress confined to a jail cell for 30 days and to the state of California when she is released.

The sentence by Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner was aimed at keeping close tabs on Lohan, who acknowledged she recently violated court orders by getting booted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

Lohan has been in court numerous times since her legal problems began in 2007 with a drunken driving case.

Sautner warned the actress that more time behind bars awaited if she messed up again.

In reality, however, the initial 30-day sentence will be significantly shortened

by jail overcrowding, with Lohan likely serving only about six days. The actual length of the term will be set by the Sheriff's Department, which oversees county lockups.

The 25-year-old actress has until Nov. 9 to report for her jail term, and Sautner ruled she cannot serve house arrest, as she did previously this year.

The sentence also requires Lohan to perform community service assignments at the county morgue, undergo psychotherapy sessions, and appear monthly at court hearings between December and March.

The judge also said Lohan can no longer leave the country and needs the permission of her new "no-nonsense" probation officer to travel outside California.

In recent months, Lohan has been jet-setting, appearing in New York during Fashion Week and overseas for modeling gigs.

If Lohan fails to follow the

terms imposed by the judge, she will be sent to jail for another 270 days, Sautner said, explaining the approach was known as "putting the keys to the jail in the defendant's hands." In court, the actress, wearing a polka-dotted dress, spoke only to acknowledge she understood the terms of her sentence.

Similar arrangements with Lohan have failed.

A year ago, a judge in Beverly Hills sent her to rehab until January and told her if she stayed out of trouble, she would no longer be court-monitored and would be free to leave Los Angeles.

It was not to be. At rehab, Lohan was accused of battery on a worker, although charges were never filed. Within three weeks of her release, Lohan was accused of taking a \$2,500 necklace without permission and eventually pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor theft charge.



Actress Lindsay Lohan arrives for a probation hearing at Los Angeles Superior Court Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011.

Sautner then sentenced Lohan to four months in jail in the theft case. The term, however, was reduced to 35 days on house arrest due to jail overcrowding

— an outcome that led the judge at a recent hearing to express exasperation with the actress and California's cash-strapped jail system. □

Gaga launches foundation with MacArthur, Harvard

NEW YORK (AP) — Lady Gaga is launching a foundation with the help of the MacArthur Foundation and Harvard University.

The Grammy-winning singer announced Wednesday that she is launching the Born This Way Foundation, a nonprofit focusing on youth empowerment and "issues like self-confidence, well-being, anti-bullying, mentoring and career development."

Gaga's partners include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The California Endowment and the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.

The foundation will be directed by the 25-year-old singer and her mother, Cynthia Germanotta.

"Together we hope to establish a standard of Bravery and Kindness, as well



Pop superstar Lady Gaga performs at the Lap Buddh International Circuit after a party in Noida, 24 miles from New Delhi, India, Monday, Oct. 31, 2011.

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as a community worldwide that protects and nurtures others in the face of bullying and abandonment," Gaga said in a statement. The multiplatinum singer is known for speaking out for others. She recently said

she wanted to meet with President Barack Obama to discuss her concerns over bullying, and she visited Maine last year to support the repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays. □

Jackson documentary to premier in British capital

LONDON (AP) — As the world awaits the closing arguments in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor, a documentary celebrating the singer's life and defying his detractors premiered in Britain.

"Michael Jackson: The Life of an Icon" was shown at London's Empire Leicester Square on Wednesday, with two of Jackson's siblings, Robbie and Tito, in attendance.

Producer David Gest said the documentary aimed to set the record straight about the late King of Pop, who died in 2009.

"I woke up one morning and said I'm going to make a movie about Michael's life because I was tired of reading ... all these tales that were so fictitious, and I thought let's set the story straight but let's give the people a movie that says something new," Gest said.



Producer David Gest, left, Robbie and Tito Jackson, right, arrive for the European Premiere of Michael Jackson: The Life Of An Icon, at a central London cinema, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011.

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Gest said the film features interviews with family and close friends, as well as never before seen footage and photographs of the star. □

James Garner opens up in amiable 'Garner Files'

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"The Garner Files: A Memoir" (Simon & Schuster), by James Garner and Jon Winokur: Better not say anything nasty to his face about "The Garner Files" or actor James Garner might just haul off and deck you. Garner has decked a lot of people over the years, from an abusive stepmother to an obnoxious fan.

As the star of TV's "The Rockford Files" explains in his amiable memoir, they deserved it. Once you've heard the story — and there are plenty to hear — it's hard not to agree with him.

"Something funny happens as you get older," writes Garner, now 83. "You don't hold back so much."

That might explain the many personal revelations in "The Garner Files." He smoked pot for most of his adult life and even did a little cocaine with John Belushi. He's a bleeding-

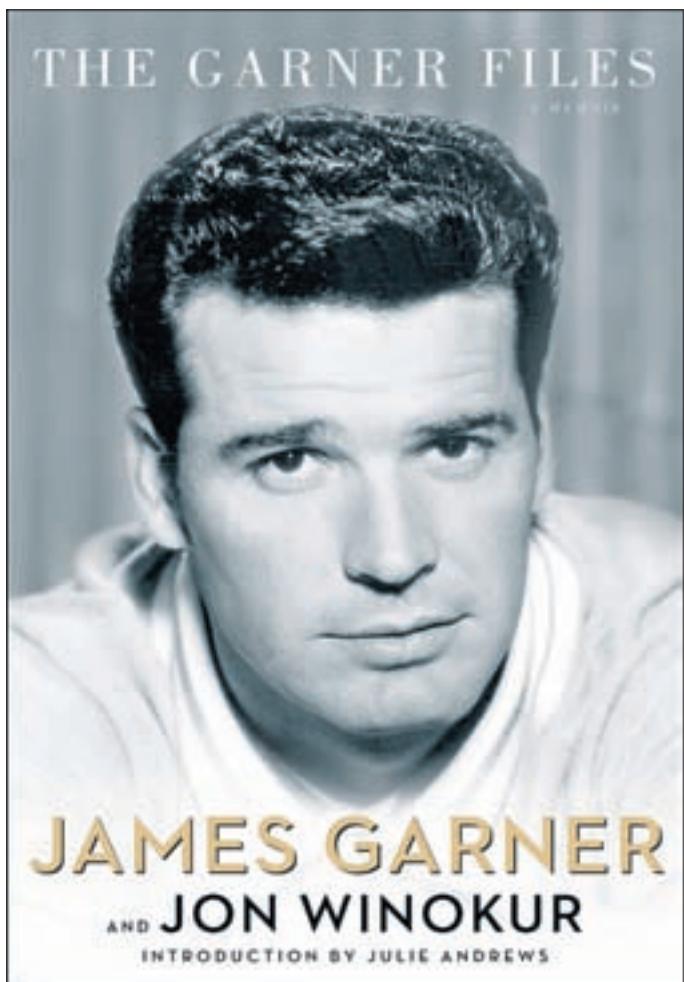
heart Democrat who considers Adlai Stevenson the most intelligent man to have run for president, with Barack Obama a close second.

Garner calls his friend Steve McQueen an insecure poseur and not much of an actor. He labels Charles Bronson, another co-star from the 1963 movie "The Great Escape," bitter and belligerent. Many other people in Garner's life receive nothing but praise. Laid-back charm and a sense of humor fuel such memories, two qualities shared by the characters Garner often played in a career of 50-plus years. In real life, pessimism and anger stemming from a hardscrabble childhood in Depression-era Oklahoma temper the charm but not the honesty and the humor. Odd jobs and a combat stint in Korea marked his early adult years. Good looks, good luck and a friend in Los Angeles landed

him in the acting business. The wry Western series "Maverick" made Garner a star in 1957 and, after a long run on the big screen, he won over a new TV audience in the 1970s as private eye Jim Rockford. Garner would just as soon talk about golf or racing as acting.

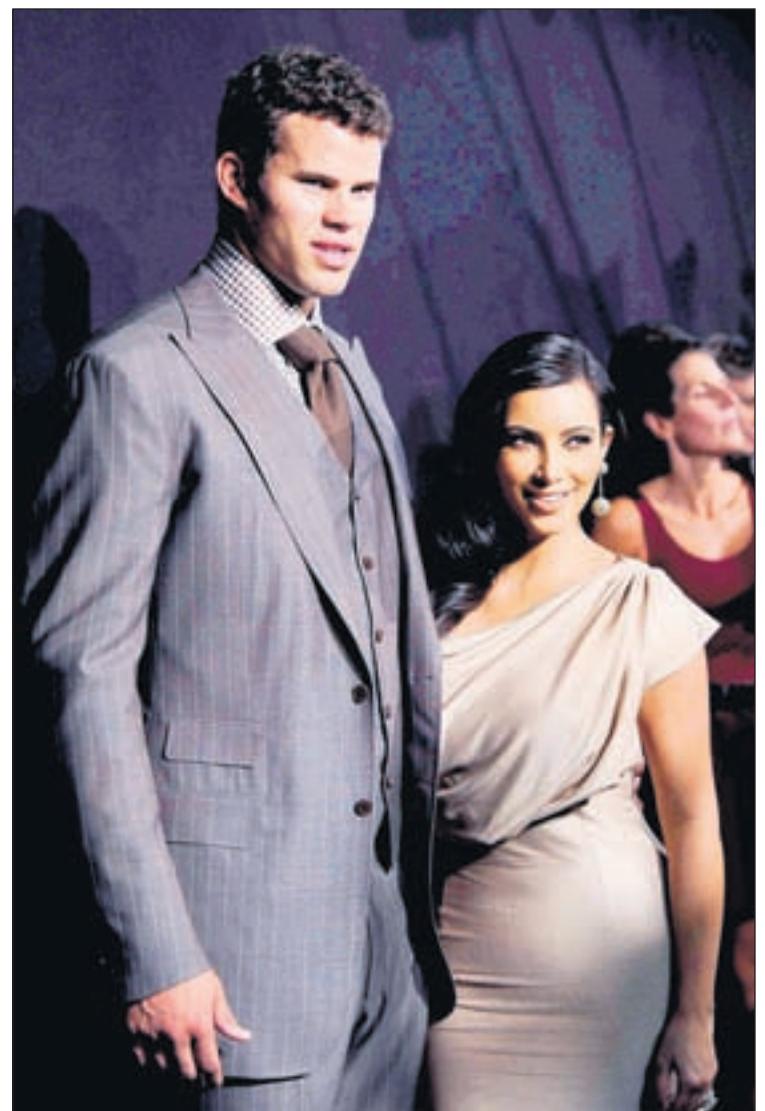
He rates only two of his movies as excellent ("The Americanization of Emily" and "The Notebook"). Some he considers pretty good ("Grand Prix" and "Murphy's Romance"), but most strike him as average — and a few as downright awful. He's proud, and rightly so, of made-for-TV movies like "Promise" and "My Name Is Bill W."

Full of funny stories and observations, "The Garner Files" offers the kind of clubhouse banter you might expect from a hardworking, successful guy who doesn't take himself too seriously — and doesn't want you to, either. □



In this book cover image released by Simon & Schuster, "The Garner Files," by James Garner and Jon Winokur, is shown.

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In this Aug. 31, 2011 file photo, newlyweds Kim Kardashian, right, and Kris Humphries attend a party thrown in their honor in New York.

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Kardashian apologizes to fans for failed marriage

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Kardashian says she never meant to hurt anyone by ending her marriage after just 72 days.

The 31-year-old reality TV star posted a message to her fans on her website Tuesday, one day after filing for divorce from pro basketball player Kris Humphries, whom she married in a lavish ceremony that aired as a two-hour TV special on E!

Kardashian says that while she "married for love" and "would not have spent so much time on something just for a TV show," she admits that she "got caught up with the hoopla and the filming of the TV show."

"When I probably should have ended my relationship, I didn't know how to and I didn't want to disappoint a lot of people," she

writes.

Kardashian says she takes "full responsibility for my actions and decisions," adding "it just didn't turn out to be the fairy tale I had so badly hoped for."

"I want a family and babies and a real life so badly that maybe I rushed into something too soon," she says. Kardashian and Humphries dated for nine months before marrying in August.

She goes on to say that reports that she made millions of dollars off the wedding "are simply not true and it makes me so sad to have to even clarify this." Twitter and Facebook were filled with anti-Kardashian sentiments on Tuesday, including some photos that were reposted thousands of times.

One photo showed the happy wedding couple gazing adoringly at each other above large type

that read, "If you think gay marriage cheapens the institution, two words ... Kim Kardashian."

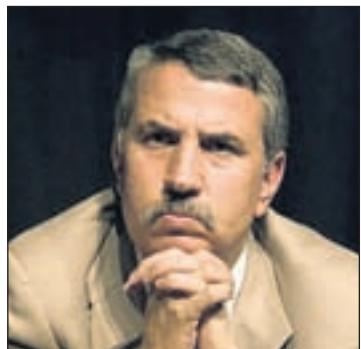
In her post, Kardashian says she plans to "donate the money for all the gifts to the Dream Foundation."

The couple's \$172,000 wedding registry included such items as a \$1,650 coffee pot and two \$1,250 sterling silver vegetable spoons.

Kardashian does not mention Humphries, who last played for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, in the 370-word message. □



A long list of suckers



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AGRA, India — Last week, I toured the great Mogul compound of Fatehpur Sikri, near the Taj Mahal. My Indian guide mentioned in passing that in the late 1500s, when Afghanistan was part of India and the Mogul Empire, the Iranian Persians invaded Afghanistan in an effort to "seize the towns of Herat and Kandahar" and a great battle ensued. I had to laugh to myself: "Well, add them to the long list of suckers — countries certain that controlling Afghanistan's destiny was vital to their national security."

There were already plenty before and there have been even more since. As America now debates how to extract itself from Iraq and Afghanistan, it is worth re-reading a little Central Asian history and recalling how many centuries great powers — from India to Persia, from Britain to Russia, and now from America to Iran, Turkey and Pakistan — have wrestled for supremacy in this region, in different versions of what came to be called "The Great Game." One can only weep at the thought of how much blood and treasure have been expended in this pursuit and how utterly un-great this game has been in retrospect. No one ever wins for long, and all they win is a bill.

It is with this bias that I look at the debate following President Barack Obama's decision to withdraw all U.S. forces from Iraq, on schedule, at the end of this year — a decision that has been greeted with much huffing and puffing from hawkish Republicans about how Obama will be remembered for losing Iraq to Iran. Iraq will now fall under Iran's "influence," they proclaim, and none of us will ever be able to sleep well again.

Please put me down in the camp that thinks Obama did the right thing and that Iran's mullahs will not be the winners. Why? Well, for starters, centuries of history teach us that Arabs and Persians do not play well together. Yes, Iraq has a Shiite Muslim majority and so does Iran. But Iraqi Arab Shiites willingly fought for eight years

against Persian Iranian Shiites in the Iran-Iraq war.

Moreover, I am certain that in recent years America's lingering troop presence in Iraq actually gave Iran greater influence in Baghdad. The U.S., however well intentioned, became a lightning rod that absorbed a lot of Iraqis' frustrations with their government's underperformance, and the U.S. "occupation" drew all attention away from Iran's shenanigans inside Iraq. Iraqis are a proud people. Once our troops are gone, Iraqi Arabs will surely focus entirely on their own government's performance and on any Iranian or other attempts to try to be the puppeteer of Iraqi politics. Any Iraqi leader seen as Tehran's lackey will have problems.

I actually think the dominant flow of influence will be from Iraq toward Iran — if (and it is still a big if) — Iraq's democracy holds. If it does, Iranians will have to look across the border every day at Iraqis, with their dozens of free newspapers and freedom to form any party and vote for any leader, and wonder why these "inferior" Iraqi Arab Shiites enjoy such freedoms and "superior" Iranian Persian Shiites do not. "Iran's interests were served by the Arab status quo ante — ideologically bankrupt regimes brutalizing disenfranchised populations," argues Karim Sadjadpour, an Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment. "The more representative governments there are in the Middle East, the more it highlights the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a salmon swimming upstream against the current of history."

Some say Iran was the geopolitical winner of the U.S. intervention in Iraq. I'd hold off on that judgment, too. "The Iranian regime is at its lowest moment of influence in the region — 14 percent popularity in the latest Zogby poll," remarked Abbas Milani, who teaches Iranian politics at Stanford. What you see today if you look underneath the Islamic revolutionary facade in Iran, added Milani, "is a flourishing of painting, films and music, driven by technology. It is a society seeking its own bottom-up blend of Islam and modernity. The regime has no role in this." Just as I don't buy the notion that we need to keep playing The Great Game in Iraq, I also don't buy it for Afghanistan. "If the U.S. steps back, it will see that it has a lot more options," argues C. Raja Mohan, a senior fellow at the Center for Policy Research, in New Delhi. □



Cain Not Able



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WASHINGTON — We have the starchy guy — tall, handsome, intelligent and rich, with a baronial estate — who's hard to warm up to. And we have the spontaneous guy, who's charming and easy to warm up to — until it turns out that he has an unsavory pattern with young women and a suspect relationship with facts.

It's the Republican primary. Or "Pride and Prejudice." Take your pick.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that it's not the scandal that kills you; it's the cover-up. Herman Cain has added a corollary: It's not the cover-up that kills you; it's the cascade of malarkey that spills out when you try to cover up the cover-up.

Sure, the dalliance with the grandfather, gospel singer, motivational speaker and self-made millionaire in the black cowboy hat was fun while it lasted, just as it was with Ross Perot, Donald Trump, Sarah Palin and The-Rent-Is-Too-Damn-High dude.

You have to give props to the CEO of a pizza company who dons a white choir robe at a

press event to sing a Lennon parody, "Imagine There's No Pizza."

And you have to give Cain credit for breaking creative ground in unconventional when he responds to a scandal about sexual-harassment complaints when he was chief of the National Restaurant Association in the '90s by standing up at the National Press Club here and singing a gospel song about "Amazing Grace" to the tune of "Danny Boy."

Yet despite the taunting tweet from the Times blogger Nate Silver the other day, before the sexual-harassment scandal broke, asking if there was "anyone out there who 1) gets paid to write about politics; 2) is so sure Cain can't win that they promise to quit their job if he does," Cain was never going to be the Republican nominee.

Even Barack Obama couldn't be lucky enough to waltz past two wacky black conservatives, first Alan Keyes and then Cain.

The Herminator was just a raffish passing fancy, like Mr. Wickham, a place for Republicans to store their affections while they try to overcome their aversion to Mitt Romney's Mr. Darcy.

Early in October, the improbable shooting-star candidate was preening with David Brody on the Christian Broadcasting Network, saying he "felt like Moses when God said 'I want you to go into Egypt and lead my people out.'" He bragged that he was ready for the gotcha questions from the press, saying: "When they ask me who's the president

of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan, I'm going to say, 'You know, I don't know. Do you know?'"

Yet despite being aware that the scandal would surely pop at some point, and despite 10 days' warning from Politico, which broke the news, Moses was flailing in the media Red Sea.

When Politico's Jonathan Martin waited outside the CBS News bureau here to catch Cain after "Face the Nation" and ask him "Have you ever been accused, sir, in your life of harassment by a woman?," the candidate's lame riposte was: "Have you ever been accused of sexual harassment?" If your appeal lies in being refreshingly plain-spoken, you can't turn into a verbal corn maze.

He has contradicted himself even more risibly on his memory of the harassment charges than he has on his abortion position.

At first, he said he wasn't aware of the five-figure settlement to one woman; then, suddenly, he was aware. Instead of the meaning of "is," Cain tried to parse the meaning of "settlement" versus "agreement." He still claims he doesn't remember the other five-figure settlement to another woman. His memory may soon be jogged.

A lawyer for one of the women, an Ivy League grad who works for the federal government and lives in suburban Maryland, said that she wants to be released from a confidentiality agreement on the settlement since Cain is going around disparaging the accusers. □

Sheep lawn mowers, and other go-getters

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BERLIN, Ohio — In this verdant lawn-filled college town, most people keep their lawn mowers tuned up by oiling the motor and sharpening the blades. Eddie Miller keeps his in shape with salt licks and shearing scissors.

Miller, 23, is the founder of Heritage Lawn Mowing, a company that rents out sheep — yes, sheep — as a landscaping aid. For a small fee, Miller, whose official job title is “shepherd,” brings his ovine squad to the yards of area homeowners, where the sheep spend anywhere from three hours to several days grazing on grass, weeds and dandelions.

The results, he said, are a win-win: The sheep eat free, saving him hundreds of dollars a month in food costs, and his clients get a freshly cut lawn, with none of the carbon emissions of a conventional gas-powered mower. (There are, of course, other emissions, which Miller said make for “all-natural fertilizer.”)

people lived in the past.”

As an uncertain economy and a stagnant hiring climate continue to freeze people out of the traditional job market, a number of entrepreneurs like Miller, many of them in their 20s and 30s, are heading back to the land, starting small agricultural businesses. And in the process, they are discovering that modern homesteading offers more rewarding work, and possibly more security, than entering the white-collar fray. Miller, a 2010 graduate of Boston University, started his business last year, when several post-college grant applications fell through and no other job opportunities presented themselves. He moved back home and acquired two Jacob sheep, a small, sturdy breed that dates to biblical times. Recently, he added two more to his flock, which he keeps in a pen in the backyard when not in service.

Customers pay \$1 per sheep per day, but Miller also accepts barter payments, which have so far



Carrie Ferrence, left, and Jacqueline Gjurgevich of StockBox Grocers, a company that repurposes old shipping containers as small grocery stores, at their first store in the Delridge neighborhood of Seattle, Oct. 27, 2011. As an uncertain economy and a stagnant hiring climate continue to freeze people out of the traditional job market, a number of entrepreneurs like Ferrence and Gjurgevich, are heading back to the land, starting small agricultural businesses.

(Stuart Isett/The New York Times)

20 homes so far, and has so many requests he can't keep up with them.

Miller, who supplements his income by working on a local farm, has resisted raising his prices because he wants his services to be

of life.

“It’s a gateway to that whole rural dream,” he said.

“And with the type of recession we’re having, there’s stability in it.”

Other yeoman startups are charting a more traditional path to profits.

Carrie Ferrence, 33, and Jacqueline Gjurgevich, 32, were in business school at Bainbridge Graduate Institute in Washington State, when they noticed that many local neighborhoods were so-called “food deserts,” without easy access to fresh local produce and other grocery staples.

Their answer was StockBox Grocers, a company that repurposes old shipping containers as small grocery stores. The company won \$12,500 in a local business plan competition and raised more than \$20,000 online in a Kickstarter campaign to finance its first store, which opened in the Delridge neighborhood of Seattle in September.

“It’s a tough job market, and you have really few instances in your life to do something that you really love,” Ferrence said. “It’s not that this is the alternative. It’s the new plan A.”

In terms of social cachet,

agricultural startups are a long way from Silicon Valley. But the phenomenon seems to be gaining steam. Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms, a non-profit that matches willing farmhands with organic farms seeking temporary help, has become, for the 4-H crowd, what Stanford’s computer science department has been for Silicon Valley. In the last three years, membership in the group’s U.S. branch has quadrupled, and among a certain set of college-age agriculturalists, the organization has become a verb (as in “Did you WWOOF last summer?”).

The agricultural startup world has also benefited from the growth of the sustainable business community. There are now business school programs in sustainable entrepreneurship, sustainable startup conferences and venture capital firms that invest solely in green businesses. Even Nike has gotten into the game, with a new sustainable venture fund that will allow it to “thrive in a sustainable economy, one where people, planet and profit are in balance,” according to the company’s website. □



The sheep of Eddie Miller, founder of Heritage Lawn Mowing, a company that rents out sheep as a landscaping aid, during a lawn-mowing job in Oberlin, Ohio, Oct. 14, 2011. As an uncertain economy and a stagnant hiring climate continue to freeze people out of the traditional job market, a number of entrepreneurs like Miller, are heading back to the land, starting small agricultural businesses.

(Randy Harris/The New York Times)

“They countryify a city,” Miller said of his four-legged staff. “And they lend a lot of awareness about how

included karate lessons, jugs of maple syrup and the use of one homeowner’s truck. He has done around

available to all. And while Heritage Lawn Mowing is not yet in the black, he says he has found a better way